



# Ibuprofen Oral Liquid

**The issue:**

Commercial ibuprofen oral liquid products are currently on backorder from all vendors in Canada. NH has approximately 4 to 5 weeks of stock in pharmacies and clinical areas based on historical use, and may stock out if conservation efforts are not carried out. NH pharmacy is currently investigating an option to compound an oral suspension as needed.

**Estimated Availability:** November 2022

**Practice Implications:**

- Clinicians should be aware of this drug shortage and conserve existing supply of commercial ibuprofen oral liquid products for use **only when oral tablets are not clinically appropriate**.
- Clinicians should be aware of alternate formulary options.

**Potential Formulary Alternatives\*:**

- *analgesics/antipyretics/anti-inflammatories:*
  - ibuprofen oral tablets
  - naproxen oral suspension (not available at all NH sites) and oral tablets
- *analgesics/antipyretics:*
  - acetaminophen oral liquid (also in short supply, intermittently) and oral tablets

<b>September 16, 2022</b> For the information of physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. <b>PLEASE POST</b>	<b>Drug Shortage</b>	✓	<b>For further information contact:</b>  Medication Use Management Pharmacists  <a href="mailto:mumpharmacist@northernhealth.ca" style="color: white;">mumpharmacist@northernhealth.ca</a>
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\*Alternatives are provided for clinician information and may not be appropriate for all clinical situations. The information provided does not replace clinical judgment.