





Levofloxacin 5 mg/mL X 100 mL D5W IV Bags

The Issue: Due to a shortage of Canadian-labelled levofloxacin 5 mg/mL X 100 mL ready-to-use IV bags from Pfizer, Health Canada has authorized the importation of a US-labelled product from Hikma Pharmaceuticals. NH pharmacy will soon have supply of this US-labelled product available for use in NH facilities.

Practice Implications:

- Clinicians should be aware of this temporary product change.
- Staff may see both the Canadian-labelled and US-labelled products as this transition occurs.
- The drug concentration, non-medical ingredients, bag size, and storage are all the same between the Canadian-labelled and US-labelled products, and both are for single-use only.
- The US-labelled product does not have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) on the bag and does not contain any information in French.
- The US-labelled product can be used in the same manner as the Canadian marketed product. Clinicians should refer to the [Canadian Product Monograph](#) available on Drug Product Database.

Product Comparison:

Current Product (Pfizer; Canadian-labelled) levofloxacin 5 mg/mL X 100 mL IV bag (D5W)	Temporary New Product (Hikma Pharmaceuticals; US-labelled) levofloxacin 5 mg/mL X 100 mL IV bag (D5W)
	

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