





Methotrimeprazine 25 mg/mLX 1 mL Injection

<u>The issue:</u> Methotrimeprazine 25 mg/mL x 1 mL injectable is a single source item from Sanofi-Aventis who has indicated the drug is not currently available to order. NH currently has approximately 4 weeks of inventory in pharmacies and wardstock locations and will likely stock out without conservation measures.

Estimated Availability: mid-late April 2022

Practice Implications:

- Clinicians should be aware of this drug shortage and potential alternatives.
- Oral methotrimeprazine tablets continue to be available. Wherever possible, please use this dosage route to preserve remaining stock for patients who cannot tolerate oral therapy.

Potential Alternatives*:

- methotrimeprazine oral tablets
- potential alternatives may also be considered on a case-by-case basis per indication:
 - o delirium/psychosis: haloperidol, quetiapine, loxapine
 - o bedtime sedation/insomnia: zopiclone, quetiapine
 - o nausea: dimenhydrinate, ondansetron, haloperidol

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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.