



Methotrimeprazine 25 mg/mL X 1 mL Injection

The issue: The backorder for methotrimeprazine 25 mg/mL x 1 mL injectable from Sanofi-Aventis has been extended. NH currently has approximately 2 to 4 weeks of inventory in pharmacies and wardstock locations and will likely stock out unless conservation measures continue to be carried out.

Estimated Availability: June 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:*
 - *delirium/psychosis:* haloperidol, quetiapine, loxapine
 - *bedtime sedation/insomnia:* zopiclone, quetiapine
 - *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.