



Nicotine 10 mg Cartridges for Inhalation

The Issue: Nicotine 10 mg cartridges for inhalation and the required mouthpieces are currently on backorder from the sole source vendor in Canada. NH has approximately 4 to 5 weeks of stock in pharmacies and wardstock areas based on historic use.

Estimated Availability: end of May 2022

Practice Implications:

- Clinicians should be aware of this drug shortage and formulary alternatives.
- Clinicians should review [NH order set 10-111-5117](#) (Nicotine Withdrawal Protocol) for alternate formulary options and dosing if sites stock out of the cartridges for inhalation.

Potential Formulary Alternatives*:

- nicotine transdermal patches (7 mg, 14 mg, or 21 mg/24 hr)
- nicotine gum (2 mg and 4 mg)
- nicotine lozenges (2 mg)

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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.