



## Methotrimeprazine 25 mg/mL X 1 mL Injection

**The issue:** Methotrimeprazine 25 mg/mL x 1 mL injectable is available but still in short supply. NH pharmacy is able to access stock on a weekly basis, but it may not be enough to meet local demand. NH currently has approximately 2 to 3 weeks of inventory in pharmacies and wardstock locations.

**Estimated Availability:** available in reduced weekly order quantities; ETA on full shortage resolution unknown at this time

### **Practice Implications:**

- Clinicians should be aware of this ongoing drug shortage and potential alternatives.
- Oral methotrimeprazine tablets continue to be available. Wherever possible, please use this dosage route to preserve injectable 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.