



# NH Regional Antidote Stocking

**Background:** Through consultation with the health authorities, the British Columbia Drug and Poison Information Centre (BC DPIC) recently updated their antidote stocking guidelines for health care facilities. The standard list of antidotes stocked in NH facilities has been updated to reflect the changes outlined by DPIC and is available on MyNH on the Formulary Listing page under [Formulary Information](#).

**Practice Implications:**

- The standard NH antidote stocking list will serve the vast majority of poisonings that may be experienced in NH communities. DPIC has been provided with the updated NH list for awareness as well.
- The [NH Parenteral Drug Administration Manual](#) monographs provide information on how to administer injectable antidotes. DPIC can provide clinicians with additional information as required.
- Notable changes to the NH antidote stocking list include:
  - Injectable glucagon is no longer listed for beta blocker and calcium channel blocker toxicity as it is not a preferred treatment option and availability in Canada is limited.
  - Idarucizumab (for dabigatran reversal) will now only be routinely stocked at designated referral centres in NH (referral sites with surgical and/or critical care capacity).
  - Minor changes in stock levels for various items based on DPIC suggested minimum stock levels.

*NH Pharmacy will be updating antidote inventories across the health authority to reflect the updated list.*

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	Drug Discontinuation		
	<b>Medication Change</b>	✓	
	<b>Best Practice</b>	✓	