



## EPINEPHrine 1 mg/10 mL Pre-Filled Syringes

**The issue:** EPINEPHrine 1 mg/10 mL pre-filled syringes (PFS) are in short supply from both vendors in Canada (Pfizer and Aguetant) and likely to go on backorder soon. NH has approximately 3 to 4 weeks of stock in pharmacies and patient care areas.

**Estimated Availability:** unknown

### Practice Implications:

- Clinicians should be aware of this drug shortage.
- Wherever possible, sites should reserve EPINEPHrine 1 mg/10 mL PFS for use in crash kits/carts.
- EPINEPHrine 1 mg/mL ampoules remain available **\*note different concentration – must be diluted prior to administration\***
  - Refer to NH Parenteral Drug Administration [monograph](#) for dilution and administration info as needed.

### Potential Alternatives\*:

- EPINEPHrine 1 mg/mL ampoules (see above)

**Note:** [EPINEPHrine is a high risk/high alert medication requiring an independent double check](#)

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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.