



hydralazine 20 mg/mL x 1 mL injectable

The Issue: hydralazine 20 mg/mL x 1 mL injectable is on backorder from the only manufacturer in Canada. NH has approximately six weeks of stock in pharmacies and patient care areas and may be at risk of stock outs if the resupply date gets pushed into the new year.

Anticipated Availability: December 2024

Practice Implications:

- Clinicians should be aware of this shortage and potential formulary alternatives.
- Reserve hydralazine injectable for high priority indications and patient care areas including obstetrics/maternity units and emergency departments.
- Clinicians should assess patients for step down to oral anti-hypertensive therapy as clinically appropriate.

Potential Alternatives (IV only)*: Use parenteral therapy options where appropriate and refer to the [NH Parenteral Drug Administration Manual](#) for information on intravenous drug administration.

- labetalol injection
- metoprolol injection
- esmolol injection
- enalaprilat injection
- nitroglycerin injection
- sodium nitroprusside injection

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