

Medicines Optimisation

Prescribing Memo

Important information – morphine 10mg/1ml injection – supply problems

Date: 19.12.14

Information for prescribers:

There is currently a supply problem with morphine sulphate 10mg/1ml injection, 1ml vials which we are advised is likely to continue until early January. Some wholesalers do have stock, but others don't and whilst there is some existing stock in community pharmacies, community pharmacies may experience difficulties in obtaining new stock of this product over the Christmas period.

In order to try to avoid unacceptable delays for patients and additional calls to the out of hours services, prescribers are requested to:

- Keep the quantity prescribed to the required minimum
- Ensure the most appropriate strength is prescribed
- Liaise with local pharmacies to confirm availability of stock

Should a supply problem be experienced and it is necessary to prescribe an alternative strength, please ensure this change is communicated effectively to nursing colleagues, patients and their carers.

Local information - please find attached a copy of names of pharmacies who have been directed to hold enhanced levels of palliative care drugs (including morphine). (Please note - whilst these pharmacies are more likely to have stock available, they may also be affected by supply problems).

This information has been circulated to LPCs, district nursing and palliative care teams and out of hours services.

Pharmacies which stock Specialist and Palliative Drugs

Area	Pharmacy	Address	Telephone number	Opening hours
Alnwick *	Boots the Chemist	50-52 Bondgate Within	01665 602143	Mon – Sat 9:00 – 17:30, Sun 11:00 - 16:00
Ashington *	Central Pharmacy	Lintonville Terrace	01670 856633	Mon – Sat 7:00–22:30, Sun 10:00 - 17:00
Ashington *	Asda Pharmacy	Lintonville Terrace	01670 528610	Mon 8:00-23:00, Tues-Fri 7:00-23:00, Sat 7:00-22:00, Sun 10:00-16:00
Benton	Asda Pharmacy	Whitley Road	0191 2705710	Mon – Fri 8:00 –22:00, Sat 8:00 - 20:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00
Berwick *	Tesco Pharmacy	Tweedside Trading Estate	01289 762847	Mon 8:00-22:30, Tues-Fri 6:30-22:30 Sat 6:30–22:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00
Blyth *	Boots the Chemist	60-62 Maddison Street	01670 546092	Mon – Sat 7:30–23:00, Sun 9:30 - 20:00
Byker	Asda Pharmacy	Newcastle Shopping Park	0191 2106990	Mon - Sat 9:00 - 21:00; Sun 11:00 - 17:00
Cramlington *	Sainsbury Pharmacy	Manor Walks	01670 738542	Mon – Sat 7:00 – 23:00; Sun 10:00 - 16:00
Eldon Square	Boots the Chemist	Hotspur Way	0191 2329844	Mon – Friday 8:00 –20:00, Sat 8:00 - 19:00, Sun 11:00 - 17:00
Fenham	Lloyds Pharmacy	168 West Road	0191 2735589	Mon – Fri 8:30 – 18:00 Sat 9:00 – 13:00, Sun 11:00 – 13:00
Gosforth	Asda Pharmacy	Hollywood Avenue	0191 2130933	Mon – Fri 8:00 – 22:00 Sat 8:00 – 20:00 , Sun 10:00 - 16:00
Gosforth **	J&J Whittakers	32 Wansbeck Road South	0191 2855576	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00 - 17:30, Wed 9:00 - 17:00, Sat 9:00 - 13:00
Heaton	Boots the Chemist	293-295 Chillingham Road	0191 2650553	Mon – Sat 8:45 – 18:30 Sun 10:00 – 15:00
Hexham *	Lloyds Pharmacy	Hexham Primary Care Centre	01434 603596	Mon - Fri 8:00 - 19:00; Saturday 9:00 - 12:00
Hexham *	Tesco Pharmacy	Tynedale Retail Park	01434 719847	Mon 8:00 – 22.30, Tues-Fri 6:30 - 22:30 Sat 6:30 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00
Jesmond **	Boots the Chemist	53 St Georges Terrace	0191 2813579	Mon - Fri 8:45 - 17:45, Sat 8:30 - 17:30
Killingworth	Morrison Pharmacy	Morrison Centre	0191 2683114	Mon – Fri 9:00 – 18:00 Sat 9:00 – 17:30 Sun 10:00 – 16:00
Kingston Park *	Boots the Chemist	Kingston Park Retail Park	0191 2715073	Mon – Fri 7:00 – 0:00 Sat 8:00 – 22:00, Sun 11:00 – 17:00
Lynemouth *	Lynemouth Pharmacy	5 West Market Street	01670 860355	Mon – Wed 9:00 – 18:00 Thurs - Fri 9:00 – 17:30 Sat 9:00 – 12.30
Morpeth *	Wellway Pharmacy	The Surgery	01670 510005	Mon – Fri 8:00 – 20:00 Sat 9:00 - 15:00
North Shields	Tesco Pharmacy	Norham Road	0845 6779513	Mon 8:00 – 22:30 ; Tues - Fri 6:30 - 22:30 Sat 6:30 – 22:00 Sun 10:00 – 16:00
Wallsend	Fairmans Pharmacy	22-24 High Street West	0191 2623522	Mon – Fri 9:00 – 18:00 Sat 9:00 – 16:00
Whitley Bay	Morrison Pharmacy	Hillheads Road	0191 2521647	Mon – Fri 8:30 – 20:00 Sat 8:00 – 20:00, Sun 10:00 – 16:00
Washington	Asda Pharmacy	Washington Centre	0191 4972410	Mon 8:00 - 23:00, Tues - Fri 7:00 - 23:00 Sat 7:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00

Sunderland	Avenue Pharmacy	53 Lower Dundas Street Monkwearmouth	0191 5673037	Mon - Sat 7:00 - 22:00 Sun 8:00 - 18:00
Gateshead	Asda Pharmacy	Metro Centre	0191 4619510	Mon - Sat 8:00 - 22:00 Sun 11:00 - 17:00
Gateshead	R G Young Pharmacy	33 Sheriffs Highway	0191 4826457	Mon - Fri 9:00 - 18:00 Sat 9:00 - 12:00, Sun Closed
Gateshead	Co-op Pharmacy	Arndale House Birtley	0191 4103135	Mon- Fri 7:00 - 23:00 Sat 8:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00
South Shields	Tesco In Store Pharmacy	Simonside South Shields	0191 4040647	Mon 8:00 - 22:30, Tues - Fri 6:30 - 22:30 Sat 6:30 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00

Please Note the opening times listed are normal opening times and to find Christmas opening times please see LPC website.

** These pharmacies have a contract to supply medication to the hospices and therefore may have immediate stock availability of additional medication if the patient's usual pharmacy is encountering difficulties with supply".

* These pharmacies have been asked to stock 1x28 Rivaroxaban 15mg tablets to support the Community DVT pathway that is commencing in Northumberland

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