

Patient Safety ALERT: Continuing National Shortage of Enoxaparin 40mg Syringes

PLEASE DISPLAY IN YOUR TREATMENT ROOM

There is currently a national shortage of enoxaparin 40mg pre-filled syringes from the manufacturers.

Due to this shortage, NDDH pharmacy department is experiencing intermittent shortages of Enoxaparin 40mg Syringes.

The pharmacy department will be following the protocol below to ensure patients can still receive the appropriate dose of Enoxaparin:

1st line – Supply Enoxaparin 60mg Syringes

Enoxaparin 60mg syringes will be supplied against all ward requisitions for Enoxaparin 40mg syringes.

Enoxaparin 60mg in 0.6mL syringes are graduated so the volume given can be accurately measured. Prior to giving a 40mg dose 0.2mL must be expelled from the syringe to create a 40mg in 0.4ml dose.

2nd line – Supply Enoxaparin 20mg Syringes

In the event that Enoxaparin 60mg syringes also become unavailable the pharmacy department will supply Enoxaparin 20mg Syringes. This will entail patients receiving two injections

The situation is being kept under review and is likely to be an on-going problem over the next 3 months with intermittent supply of enoxaparin 40mg syringes. Wards will be advised of any further actions required as needed.

Please contact your ward pharmacist if you have any further queries

For more information, please contact hayley.carr@nhs.net

FOR ACTION:

Please ensure that all staff involved in the administration of enoxaparin are aware of this information and understand and follow the above advice.