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To: All Community Pharmacists

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Dear colleague

Medicine Supply Notification: Phenytoin sodium 100mg capsules (Accord)  
Tier 3 – high impact\*

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## Summary

- Phenytoin sodium 100mg capsules (Accord) are out of stock from late-August 2023 until late-December 2023.
- Phenytoin sodium 100mg capsules (Flynn Pharma) remain available and can support an uplift in demand.

## Actions Required

Where patients have insufficient supplies to last until the re-supply date, prescribers should:

- consider prescribing phenytoin sodium 100mg capsules (Flynn Pharma), ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients and is counselled on the appropriate dose. Advise and signpost patients to seek advice if they experience any issues after switching (see Supporting Information below);
- seek advice from specialists on alternative management options, if the above is not considered appropriate.



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## Supporting information

### Clinical Information

Phenytoin sodium 100mg capsules are indicated for control of tonic-clonic seizures, partial seizures and for the prevention and treatment of seizures occurring during or following neurosurgery and/or severe head injury. Phenytoin is also used in the treatment of trigeminal neuralgia, but it should only be used as second line therapy if carbamazepine is ineffective, or patients are intolerant to carbamazepine.

Phenytoin is a category 1 anti-epileptic drug, therefore patients should be monitored for loss of seizure control and adverse effects after switching between different manufacturer's products.

### **Links to further information**

[SmPC phenytoin sodium 100mg capsules](#)

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