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## Medicine Supply Notification: Estradiol (FemSeven®) 75micrograms/24hours and 100micrograms/24hours transdermal patches

Tier 2 – medium impact\*

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### Summary

- Estradiol (FemSeven®) 75micrograms/24hours and 100micrograms/24hours transdermal are out of stock until w/c 2nd October 2023.
- Alternative brands of estradiol patches, Evorel® and Estraderm®, of the same strengths remain available and can support a full uplift in demand.

### Actions Required

For patients with insufficient supplies of estradiol (FemSeven®) 75micrograms/24hours or 100micrograms/24hours transdermal patches prescribers should:

- consider prescribing Evorel® or Estraderm® transdermal patches of the same strength ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients, is counselled on the appropriate dose and the change in brand at the point of supply
- where the above is not appropriate, establish if ongoing treatment is required and switch to an alternative hormone replacement therapy (HRT), taking into consideration wider supply issues (see Supporting information below).

### Supporting Information

DHSC will continue to provide updates on HRT stock availability on the Medicine Supply Tool [Medicines Supply Tool – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice](#) and designated 'Prescribing available HRT products' page, [Prescribing available HRT products – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice](#), on the Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website

### Links to further information:

- Evorel® transdermal patches [Search Results - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)
- Estraderm® transdermal patches [Search Results - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)
- FemSeven® transdermal patches [Search Results - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)

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