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Medicine Supply Notification: Propantheline bromide (Pro-Banthine®) 15mg tablets

Tier 2 – medium impact*

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Summary

- Propantheline 15mg tablets are out of stock until early April 2024.
- Alternative oral antimuscarinic agents remain available.
- Where these are not suitable, unlicensed supplies of propantheline 15mg tablets may be sourced, lead times vary

Actions Required

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

- review patients to determine if this is still the most suitable therapy;
- consider prescribing an alternative oral antimuscarinic agent in line with local formularies/guidelines, and current availability (see supporting information below); and
- consider prescribing unlicensed products only where licensed alternatives are not appropriate. Prescribers should work with local pharmacy teams to ensure orders are placed within appropriate time frames as lead times may vary (see supporting information below).

Supporting Information

Clinical Information

Propantheline is an oral antimuscarinic licensed for adjunctive use in adults with hyperhidrosis, adult enuresis, and gastrointestinal disorders characterised by smooth muscle spasm.

Information produced by DHSC and disseminated by SPPG Pharmacy and Medicines Management Team. For most up-to-date information, visit [Shortages Information - Business Services Organisation \(BSO\) Website \(hscni.net\)](#)

Table 1: Alternative antimuscarinic treatment options

Indication	Alternative oral antimuscarinic
Adult enuresis	*oxybutynin, tolterodine, darifenacin
Gastro-intestinal smooth muscle spasm	*dicycloverine hydrochloride, hyoscine butylbromide
Hyperhidrosis	*oxybutynin (off-label), glycopyrronium bromide (off-label)

*up-to-date supply information can be found on the Medicines Supply Tool [Log In < SPS – Specialist Pharmacy Service — WordPress](#)

Please refer to the links below:

- SmPC Pro-Banthine® tablets [Pro-Banthine tablets - Summary of Product Characteristics \(SmPC\) - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)
- BNF propantheline [Propantheline bromide | Drugs | BNF | NICE](#)
- BNF Hyperhidrosis [Hyperhidrosis | Treatment summaries | BNF | NICE](#)
- CKS: Hyperhidrosis [Hyperhidrosis | Health topics A to Z | CKS | NICE](#)
- BNF Antispasmodics [Antispasmodics | Treatment summaries | BNF | NICE](#)
- CKS: Irritable bowel syndrome-antispasmodic drugs [Antispasmodic drugs | Prescribing information | Irritable bowel syndrome | CKS | NICE](#)
- CKS: LUTS in men [LUTS in men | Health topics A to Z | CKS | NICE](#)
- CKS: Incontinence - urinary, in women [Incontinence - urinary, in women | Health topics A to Z | CKS | NICE](#)
- BNF Urinary Incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse in women. [Urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse in women | Treatment summaries | BNF | NICE](#)
- NICE Guidance NG123: Urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse in women: management [Overview | Urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse in women: management | Guidance | NICE](#)
- SmPC Oxybutynin [Search Results - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)
- SmPC Tolterodine [Search Results - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)
- SmPC Darifenacin [Search Results - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)
- SmPC Dicycloverine hydrochloride [Search Results - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)
- SmPC Hyoscine butylbromide [Search Results - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)
- SmPC Glycopyrronium [Search Results - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)

Guidance on ordering and prescribing unlicensed products

The following specialist importers have confirmed they can source unlicensed propantheline 15mg tablets (please note there may be other companies that can also source supplies):

- Alium Medical
 - Mawdsley's Unlicensed
 - Target Healthcare
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- Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and NHS Trust or local governance procedures. Please see the links below for further information:
 - [The supply of unlicensed medicinal products](#), Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
 - [Professional Guidance for the Procurement and Supply of Specials](#),
 - [Prescribing unlicensed medicines - professional standards - GMC \(gmc-uk.org\)](#) General Medical Council (GMC)