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To: All Community Pharmacists

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Dear colleague

**Medicine Supply Notification: Dalivit® Oral Drops**  
**Tier 2 – medium impact**

[Medicines Supply Tool – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice](#)

## Summary

- Dalivit® Oral Drops are out of stock until further notice.
- Abidec® Multivitamin Drops remain available and can support increased demand.

Clinicians should:

- review existing patients to determine if Dalivit® Oral Drops are still required;
- consider prescribing Abidec® Multivitamin Drops for young children where appropriate, ensuring that they are not intolerant to any of the excipients, including arachis oil (peanut oil), which should not be taken by patients with peanut or soya allergy, and counsel parent(s)/carers on the appropriate dose and volume required; and
- if Abidec® drops are not suitable, refer to [NPPG table](#) or local formulary to guide selection of an alternative liquid supplement for use in the paediatric population.

## Actions Required

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## Supporting information

### Clinical Information

Dalivit<sup>®</sup> Oral Drops and Abidec<sup>®</sup> Multivitamin Drops are indicated for the prevention of vitamin deficiencies and for the maintenance of normal growth and health during the early years of infancy and childhood.

Table 1: Comparison of Abidec<sup>®</sup> Multivitamin Drops and Dalivit<sup>®</sup> Drops

|                    | Abidec <sup>®</sup> Multivitamin Drops                                                                                              | Dalivit <sup>®</sup> Oral Drops                                                                                             |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Licensed age range | Children (from 0 to 12 years of age)                                                                                                | Children (from 6 weeks of age) and adults                                                                                   |
| Dose               | Children (under 1 year): 0.3ml daily<br>Children (1 to 12 years): 0.6ml daily<br>Adults and children over 12 years: Not appropriate | Infants (6 weeks to 1 year): 0.3ml daily<br>Older children, adults and elderly: 0.6ml daily or as directed by the physician |

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| Vitamins<br>per<br>0.6mL | Vit A            | 1333 units vitamin A palmitate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5000 units vitamin A palmitate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                          | Vit B<br>(group) | 0.4mg thiamine hydrochloride<br>0.8mg riboflavin<br>0.8mg pyridoxine hydrochloride<br>8mg nicotinamide                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1mg thiamine hydrochloride<br>0.4mg riboflavin<br>0.5mg pyridoxine hydrochloride<br>5mg nicotinamide                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                          | Vit C            | 40mg ascorbic acid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 50mg ascorbic acid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                          | Vit D            | 400 units ergocalciferol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 400 units ergocalciferol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Excipients               |                  | Sodium hydroxide<br>Sugar (mineral water grade)<br>Refined peanut oil<br>DL- $\alpha$ -tocopherol<br>Polysorbate 60<br>Purified water                                                                                                                                                             | Sucrose<br>Polysorbate 80<br>Sodium hydroxide<br>Sodium methyl hydroxybenzoate (E219)<br>Deionized water                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Cautions                 |                  | <p>Patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrase-isomaltase insufficiency should not take this medicine.</p> <p><b><u>Contains arachis oil (peanut oil) and should not be taken by patients with peanut or soya allergy.</u></b></p> | <p>Patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrase-isomaltase insufficiency should not take this medicine.</p> <p>Contains sodium methylhydroxybenzoate (E219). May cause allergic reactions (possibly delayed).</p> |

#### Links to further information

[SmPC Abidec® Multivitamin Drops](#)

[SmPC Dalivit® Drops](#)

[SPS – Understanding Complementary Medicines](#)

[NPPG Newsletter Spring 2021](#)- Differences between Abidec® products

[The routine supplementation of vitamins and iron in the management of zinc deficiency in preterm and small for gestational age infants](#)

[NPPG Table of Liquid Vitamin and Iron Supplements in Neonates and Children](#)