

Medicines Supply Notification: Dulcolax® (bisacodyl) 5mg suppositories

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Summary

- Dulcolax® 5mg suppositories are out of stock until early December 2020.
- Dulcolax® 10mg suppositories remain available.

Actions Required

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

- review if treatment is still required;
- consider switching to alternative preparations (see supporting information below); and
- counsel patients on the different products and dosing regimen prescribed

Supporting Information

Clinical Advice from UKMi

- There are alternative laxatives that can be used via the oral or rectal route for constipation. Please refer to the BNFC for further information.
- If being used in children for bowel clearance before surgery or radiological investigations, consult local guidelines or unit conducting the procedure for consideration of alternative agent (e.g. senna and sodium picosulfate).