

Guidance on Hepatitis A & B Shortages

Clinical Guidance

In light of an ongoing hepatitis A outbreak primarily affecting men who have sex with men (MSM) and global supply constraints of the Hepatitis A vaccine, PHE has issued guidance for public health management of hepatitis A infection as well as temporary vaccination recommendations for different patient groups, including travellers.

This can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hepatitis-a-infection-prevention-and-control-guidance>.

Hepatitis A Vaccine Supply to MSM community:

To manage the outbreak in the MSM community, PHE have procured vaccines through a tender process to enable this patient group to be vaccinated.

GUM clinics should order vaccines for this group through ImmForm via the following link:

<https://portal.immform.dh.gov.uk/Logon.aspx?returnurl=%2f>

Current stock availability of Hepatitis A vaccine for non MSM community:

Adult		
Manufacturer	Product	Current supply situation
GSK	Havrix Pre filled syringes	Both single packs and packs of 10 are unavailable until 2018
Sanofi Pasteur	Avaxim	Limited supplies available for 2017. Likely to be order restrictions in place.
MSD	VAQTA	Limited supplies available for 2017. Likely to be order restrictions in place.
Paediatric		
Manufacturer	Product	Current supply situation
GSK	Havrix Junior Monodose	Singles packs are unavailable until late 2017. Likely to be order restrictions in place There are limited supplies of packs of 10 available for 2017. Likely to be order restrictions in place
MSD	VAQTA Paedatric	Unavailable until September 2017

Hepatitis B

Clinical Guidance

In light of global supply issues with the Hepatitis B vaccine, PHE has issued guidance on temporary vaccination recommendations for different patient groups, including prioritisation of patient groups requiring vaccination.

This guidance can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hepatitis-b-vaccine-recommendations-during-supplyconstraints>

Current Stock Availability of Hepatitis B Vaccine

Adult		
Manufacturer	Product	Current supply situation
GSK	Engerix B Pre filled Syringes	Limited supplies of single packs available until September 2017 and then unavailable until 2018 Packs of 10 are unavailable until late 2017
GSK	Engerix B vials	Limited supplies are available.
GSK	Fendrix	Available
MSD	HBVAXPRO 10µg	Unavailable until the end of August
MSD	HBVAXPRO 40µg	Unavailable until the early August
Paediatric		
Manufacturer	Product	Current supply situation
GSK	Engerix B Paediatric	Unavailable from August until September. Limited supplies available for the rest of 2017
MSD	HBVAXPRO 5µg	Unavailable until mid-August

Combination Vaccines Availability.

In addition to Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B monovalent vaccines, there are a number of combination vaccines on the market. Please see stock availability of these vaccines below:

Adult			
Manufacturer	Combination	Product	Current supply situation
GSK	Hepatitis A Hepatitis B	Twinrix	Limited supplies available for 2017 for both single packs and packs of 10. Likely to be order restrictions in place.
GSK	Hepatitis A Typhoid	Hepatyrix	Unavailable until at least 2019
Sanofi Pasteur	Hepatitis A Typhoid	ViATim	Unavailable until October 2017
Paediatric			
Manufacturer	Combination	Product	Current supply situation
GSK	Hepatitis A Hepatitis B	Twinrix Paedatric	Limited supplies available for 2017. Likely to be order restrictions in place.
GSK	Hepatitis A Hepatitis B	Ambirix	Supplies are unavailable in August with limited supplies available for the rest of 2017

Further information:

All vaccine orders are being monitored and any excessive ordering will be investigated which may lead to a delay in the process

If you require any further information, please see below:

Query	Contact Details
*General Vaccine Supply Queries, including stock availability and ordering	Contact your regular wholesaler. If unable to obtain supplies, try an alternative wholesaler and if still unable to obtain vaccine, contact the manufacturer directly through their customer services.
Hepatitis A vaccine procurement queries	hepatitisA@phe.gov.uk
Clinical or Public Health Hepatitis A and B queries	Local Health Protection Team or immunisation.lead@phe.gov.uk
Hepatitis A and B Queries from the public	Local Health Protection Team or Screening and Immunisation team
Hepatitis A travel queries	NATHNAC in England via www.travelhealthpro.org.uk Travax in Scotland via www.travax.nhs.uk

*please note, there may be processes that have been put into place by manufacturers to allow exceptional requests for additional doses if there is a clear clinical and public health need on an individual patient basis or as part of an outbreak response e.g. transmission event in a renal dialysis unit.