



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2020/023

Propantheline bromide (Pro-Banthine) 15mg tablets (Kyowa Kirin)

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 28/04/2020

Summary

- Propantheline 15mg tablets are out of stock until the end of May 2020.
- Unlicensed imports of propantheline 15mg tablets are available.

Actions Required

- Clinicians should review patients to determine the ongoing need for propantheline tablets.
- For patients with ongoing need and insufficient supplies to last until the resupply date, clinicians should consider prescribing unlicensed imports (see supporting information below).
- Where unlicensed imports are not considered appropriate, please see the UKMi advice below for alternative treatment options.

Supporting Information

- The following specialist importer has currently confirmed availability of unlicensed propantheline 15mg tablets (please note, there may be other companies that can also source supplies):
 - Alium Medical
 - Mawdsleys
- 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.
 - [Prescribing unlicensed medicines](#), General Medical Council (GMC),
 - [The supply of unlicensed medicinal products](#), Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
 - [Professional Guidance for the Procurement and Supply of Specials](#), Royal Pharmaceutical Society
- When prescribing a product that is not licensed in the UK prescribers must indicate on the FP10 prescription that an unlicensed product is required. This can be done by annotating the prescription with the following wording: “**special order**”.
- For patients in whom unlicensed imports are not considered suitable, advice from UK Medicines Information on alternative oral antimuscarinic agents is as follows (refer to local treatment guidelines for further information on treatment options):
 - Adult enuresis - refer to BNF and local formularies
 - Gastro-intestinal smooth muscle spasm – dicycloverine hydrochloride; hyoscine butylbromide.
 - Hyperhidrosis – oxybutynin (off-label); glycopyrronium bromide (off-label).

Enquiries

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