

# MONTHLY MEDICATION SAFETY UPDATE

## Information for health professionals in NSW public health organisations

This is a summary of medication safety and supply related issues affecting NSW public health facilities in **May 2024**. Updates regarding current medication-specific safety and supply related issues are available on the [CEC website](#).

### Medication safety issues under investigation

- Recall of **batch F3160F02** of phytomenadione (Konaktion MM Paediatric) 2 mg/0.2 mL injection - **Safety Alert** released [4 June 2024](#).
  - Further advice disseminated via email to Medicines Recall coordinators, Directors of Pharmacy and Directors of Clinical Governance via email on 6 June 2024.
  - Please [contact us](#) for any enquiries.
- Disruption to supply of isoniazid tablets – **Medication Safety Communication** being developed.
- Strategies to reduce risks associated with look-alike, sound-alike medicines – **Safety Notice** being developed.
- Safe use of clonazepam oral liquid – **Monthly Medication Safety Focus** being developed.
- Safe use of pressure infusion devices and other rapid infusion techniques – **Safety Notice** being developed.

### Relevant clinician information to note

- TGA updates:
  - SSRIs/SNRIs - [updated warnings about persistent sexual dysfunction](#).
  - Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine dimesilate) capsules - [shortage resolved](#).
  - Orencia (abatacept) medicines – [shortage update](#) and [approval of Serious Scarcity Substitution Instrument \(SSSI\)](#).
  - Zactin Tabs (Fluoxetine 20mg dispersible tablets) – [extension to SSSI](#).
  - [Product Information safety updates](#) – May 2024.

### Contact us

If you need support or assistance with medication safety matters in your facility, please email us:

[CEC-MedicationSafety@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CEC-MedicationSafety@health.nsw.gov.au).

### Medication Safety and Supply Summary

69	SAFETY/SUPPLY ISSUES REQUIRING INVESTIGATION BY THE MEDICATION SAFETY TEAM
28	WERE REPORTED TO THE FRONTLINE DUE TO SAFETY RISK REQUIRING LOCAL MITIGATION
6	RESULTED IN FORMAL SAFETY COMMUNICATION
6	PREVIOUS ISSUES RESOLVED ON CEC ONLINE PORTAL

### Safety Alerts/Notices/Information released

SI:003/24 [Counterfeit diazepam found in NSW](#)  
– 16 May 2024

SN:007/24 [Updated: Changes to supply of morphine oral liquid in Australia](#)  
– 21 May 2024

SN:008/24 [Disruption to supply – Sodium chloride 0.9% 100 mL intravenous solution](#)  
– 27 May 2024

SN:009/24 [Nitazenes causing severe opioid overdoses in NSW](#)  
– 30 May 2024

SN:010/24 [Disruption to supply – Azithromycin 200 mg/5 mL powder for oral suspension](#)  
– 30 May 2024

### Medication Safety Communications released

[Epoprostenol \(as sodium\) powder for injection](#)  
– 20 May 2024

### Medications reported on online portal this month

[Aciclovir injections, amoxicillin, azithromycin oral suspension, benzathine benzylpenicillin, betamethasone \(as acetate and sodium phosphate\) injection, cefalexin oral liquid, cinacalcet, diclofenac eye drops, diltiazem, enoxaparin, entecavir, poprostenol, fluoxetine dispersible tablets, furosemide 40 mg/4 mL injection, iodine-131 capsules, Miochol-e \(acetylcholine intraocular solution\), octreotide, olanzapine, olanzapine depot injections, permethrin cream, quinapril, semaglutide, Sevredol, valganciclovir.](#)