

20th November 2012

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Re: DBL™ MORPHINE SULFATE INJECTION BP 10mg/1mL

Due to manufacturing issues, Hospira will experience a supply shortage of **DBL™ MORPHINE SULFATE INJECTION BP 10mg/mL** (AUST R 101240, Product code: 618191BAU) from the end 2012 for up to first half of 2013.

Hospira is working with the Therapeutics Goods Administration (TGA) to source an alternative product in lieu of the approved product. Further communication detailing prescribing information and ordering process for the alternative Morphine product will be advised once available.

Hospira recommend that hospitals reserve some stock of **DBL™ MORPHINE SULFATE INJECTION BP 10mg/ 1mL** for epidural or intrathecal administration. This is to ensure minimal disruption to clinical practice in the event that an alternate Morphine that contains a preservative formulation is sourced.

In the meantime, Hospira will monitor purchasing activities of Hospitals and other institutions and discourage the practice of "bulk buying". Such practice will inevitably impact patient care in other institutions. Hospira will continue to work closely with our Wholesale partners to minimize the impact on you and your patients by maintaining minimum stock levels during this period. You can continue to purchase through your nominated wholesaler at this time.

For further information on this product please contact:

Medical Information Team	1300 046 774 – Option 2	Medical enquiries
Hospira Customer Service	1300 046 774 – Option 1	Customer Support including product availability and order related enquiries

Hospira apologises for any inconveniences that arise out of this situation and are working to reduce the likelihood of further supply shortages in the future. We are committed to working with you to ensure your patient's receive the best possible healthcare.

Yours Sincerely,



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