



Australian Government
Department of Health
Therapeutic Goods Administration

SERIOUS SHORTAGE SUBSTITUTION NOTICE

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| Notice Reference Number | SSSN 20-05 |
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This Notice applies for the following dates

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| From | 4/09/2020 | To | 31/12/2020 |
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This Notice applies only to the following medicines

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| Name of medicine in shortage (including strength and formulation): | Prazosin (as hydrochloride) tablet blister pack – multiple strengths |
| Schedule: | S4: Prescription Only Medicine |
| Duration of shortage: | Expected to be resolved between September and December 2020. For further and any updated information, see: https://apps.tga.gov.au/Prod/msi/Search/Details/prazosin-hydrochloride |

Details of medicines to be supplied under this SSSN

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| Name of medicines (including strength and formulation) to be supplied | Prazosin (as hydrochloride) tablet blister pack – alternative strength(s) |
| Same formulation but different strength? | Yes, see dosage substitution table below |

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| Same active but different salt? | No |
| Different dose form? | No |

Dosage substitution table

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| Original medicine dose (single dose) | 1 mg | 2 mg | 5 mg |
| Alternative strength to be supplied as a substitute | 2 mg | 1 mg | 1 mg and/or 2 mg |
| | Ensure correct dose is provided – Follow dosage substitution regimen below | | |
| Dosage substitution regimen | Calculate the number of tablets required to provide the prescribed dose, noting that tablets may need to be cut in half. Dose interval remains unchanged | | |
| Any restrictions on this dose form (e.g. dose intervals) | N/A | | |
| Any limitations on substitution | Consideration must be given to the appropriateness of the number of tablets needed to replace the original dose | | |

Conditions:

- Total quantity supplied under this protocol must be equivalent to the number of days supplied on original prescription.
- The patient/carer must provide a valid prescription for the original medicine that is in shortage.
- The patient/carer must consent to receiving a substitute medicine supplied pursuant to the notice.
- The pharmacist may, in their professional judgement, determine that the patient is not suitable to receive alternative medicine under the notice e.g. known previous hypersensitivity or severe adverse reaction to excipients.