



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2020/051

Zonisamide 50mg and 100mg Capsules (Teva)

Tier 2– Medium impact*

Date of issue: 25/09/2020

Summary

- Teva are out of stock of zonisamide 50mg and 100mg capsules until late November 2020.
- Teva remain in stock of zonisamide 25mg capsules but cannot support any increase in demand on this strength.
- All strengths of zonisamide capsules remain available from Glenmark Pharmaceuticals and Eisai Ltd.

Actions Required

Where patients have insufficient supplies of zonisamide 50mg and/or 100mg capsules (Teva) to last until the re-supply date, clinicians should:

- work with local pharmacy teams to understand the availability of alternative manufacturer's zonisamide 50mg and 100mg capsules and prescribe accordingly;
- inform patients of the change in manufacturer's product and advise them to report any changes in seizure frequency to their GP; and
- if further advice is needed, or complications arise advice should be sought from secondary care specialists.

Supporting information

Zonisamide is a category 2 anti-epileptic drug as designated by the MHRA. For these drugs the need for continued supply of a particular manufacturer's product should be based on clinical judgement and consultation with the patient and/or carer considering factors such as seizure frequency and treatment history.

As a result of this shortage patients may have to switch to an alternative manufacturer's zonisamide capsules. Clinicians advise that prescribers should closely monitor patients for any changes in seizure frequency and/or breakthrough seizures when they are switched over to alternative manufacturer's zonisamide capsules.

Please refer to the BNF and SPCs for further information on alternative preparations

- [Zonisamide BNF](#)
- [Zonisamide 50mg capsules SmPC](#)
- [Zonisamide 100mg capsules SmPC](#)

Enquiries

If you have any queries, please contact DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk.

*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>