



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2023/047

Estradiol (Estradot®) 75micrograms/24hours transdermal patches

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 13/04/2023

Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

Summary

- Estradiol (Estradot®) 75micrograms/24hours transdermal patches are out of stock until early May 2023.
- An alternative brand of estradiol patches, Evorel®, available as 75micrograms/24hours can support a full uplift in demand.
- A Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) was issued on 13/04/2023.

Actions Required

For patients with insufficient supplies of estradiol (Estradot®) 75micrograms/24hours transdermal patches:

- community pharmacists may supply an equivalent strength of Evorel® (estradiol) 75micrograms/24hours transdermal patches in accordance with the SSP for eligible patients (see supporting information below);
- pharmacists must ensure that the patient's prescriber and/or GP practice is notified when supplying a patient in accordance with this SSP; and
- patients should be counselled regarding the switch in brand at the point of supply;
- if the patient is deemed ineligible or does not consent to receive an alternative product via the SSP, they should be referred to the prescriber to establish if ongoing treatment is required and switch to an alternative hormone replacement therapy (HRT) taking into account current availability of these products.

Supporting information

[NHSBSA Serious Shortage Protocol's](#)

[SPC Evorel® 75microgram patches](#)

[SPC Estradot® 75microgram patches](#)

Further updates:

DHSC will continue to provide updates on HRT stock availability on the Medicine Supply Tool and designated [‘Prescribing available HRT products’ page](#) on the Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website.

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/>