



UPDATE:

Update to MSN issued 21 September 2023

Material updates are shown in **bold**.

Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2023/089U

Somatropin (Genotropin® MiniQuick) 0.6mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices

Somatropin (Genotropin® MiniQuick) 1.4mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices

Somatropin (Genotropin® GoQuick) 5.3mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled, multi-dose pens

Tier 2 – medium impact*

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Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

Summary

- **Somatropin (Genotropin® MiniQuick) 0.6mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices will be in limited supply until w/c 12th February 2024.**
- Somatropin (Genotropin® MiniQuick) 1.4mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable (single dose) devices will be in limited supply **until w/c 26th February 2024.**
- **Somatropin (Genotropin® GoQuick) 5.3mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled, multi-dose pens will be out of stock until w/c 25th March 2024.**
- The following somatropin preparations remain available and will be able to support increased demand:
 - Somatropin (Genotropin®) **5.3mg and 12mg** powder and solvent for solution for injection multi-dose cartridges
 - Somatropin (Genotropin® MiniQuick) 1.2mg, **1.6mg, 1.8mg** and 2mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable (single dose) devices

Actions Required

Secondary care pharmacy teams should work with clinical specialists and their local pharmacy homecare leads to:

- ensure that new patients are not initiated on Genotropin® MiniQuick **0.6mg and 1.4mg** powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices, **or Genotropin® GoQuick 5.3mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled multi-dose pens** until resupply;
- review all patients, including those under shared care arrangements, prescribed Genotropin® MiniQuick **0.6mg** and 1.4mg devices, and determine:
 - which patients need to remain on these devices (e.g. visual impairment or have no refrigerator). Remaining stock of Genotropin® MiniQuick **0.6mg** and 1.4mg devices is to be reserved for patients

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

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

who cannot be switched. Please note, to obtain remaining stock contact Pfizer Customer Service Team: 0800 0327907.

- **for patients who can manage a change in device AND all patients prescribed Genotropin® GoQuick 5.3mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled, multi-dose pens**, issue a new prescription for:
 - Genotropin® **5.3mg (0.1mg dose increments)** or 12mg cartridges (0.2mg dose increments) to be used with a re-usable injection device (**Genotropin 5.3 or 12 Pen corresponding to the cartridge prescribed**) to deliver doses of **0.6mg**, 1.4mg or **5.3mg**; or
 - Genotropin® MiniQuick 1.2mg, **1.6mg**, **1.8mg** or 2mg device **for patients prescribed Genotropin GoQuick 5.3mg at increments to administer these doses** or for those patients still being dose titrated and being considered for a change to these doses delivered by the MiniQuick device.
- ensure that patients switched from the single use MiniQuick injection devices to Genotropin® **5.3mg** or 12mg cartridges are aware these are multi-dose devices and need to be stored in a refrigerator;
- ensure all new prescriptions are sent to their current homecare service provider or outpatient dispensary; and
- communicate with home care providers if nurse led injection training is required on use of new device.

Homecare providers should:

- ensure that once a new prescription for Genotropin® **5.3mg** or 12mg cartridges, or Genotropin® MiniQuick 1.2mg, **1.6mg**, **1.8mg** or 2mg device is received, the patient's existing Genotropin® MiniQuick **0.6mg** or 1.4mg device or **Genotropin® GoQuick 5.3mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled, multi-dose pens** prescription is immediately cancelled;
- call patients to inform them of the change to their prescription while arranging delivery and offer nursing support on how to use the new device; and
- work with the prescriber and the Trust homecare lead to ensure nurse led training or, if available, administration support is offered where requested.

Outpatient dispensaries should ensure that:

- once a new prescription for Genotropin® **5.3mg** or 12mg cartridges, or Genotropin® MiniQuick 1.2mg, **1.6mg**, **1.8mg** or 2mg device is received, the patient's existing Genotropin® MiniQuick **0.6mg** or 1.4mg device **or Genotropin® GoQuick 5.3mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled, multi-dose pens** prescription is cancelled;
- patients receive a patient education pack and are counselled about the change in prescription at the point of first dispensing; and
- patients are directed back to their specialist team if they highlight a need for additional nurse-led training or ongoing nursing support.

GP surgeries who prescribe Genotropin® MiniQuick 0.6mg and 1.4mg or Genotropin® GoQuick 5.3mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices should:

- proactively identify all patients on these products and refer them to their specialist for review and a switch to an appropriate alternative as above.

Supporting information

[See links for further information](#)

- [SmPC Genotropin® MiniQuick](#)
- [SmPC Genotropin® 5.3mg powder and solvent](#)
- [SmPC Genotropin® 12mg powder and solvent](#)
- [BNF Somatropin](#)

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All other organisations should send enquiries about this notice to the DHSC Medicine Supply Team quoting reference number MSN/2023/089U.

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