



# Medicine Supply Notification

## Glycerol 1g and 4g suppositories

Tier 2 – medium impact\*

Date of issue: 10/5/2022

Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

## Summary

- Glycerol 1g suppositories are out of stock until mid-June 2022.
- Glycerol 4g suppositories are in limited supply until mid-May 2022.
- Glycerol 2g suppositories remain available and can support an increase in demand in place of the 1g suppositories.

## Actions Required

All clinicians should:

- consider prescribing half a 2g suppository in infants who require a 1g dose and where relevant, advise parents/carers to cut the suppository **lengthways** to ensure a more accurate dose is administered;
- consider prescribing docusate sodium enemas in adults who require a rectal stool softener, if glycerol 4g suppositories are unavailable, and the oral route is not suitable;
- seek specialist advice on management options if a glycerol 'chip' from the 1g suppository was being used in neonates; and
- be aware that other laxatives remain available; choice will depend on stool consistency and products already tried.

## Supporting Information

Please refer to the links below for further information:

[SmPC Glycerol suppositories](#)

[SmPC Docusate sodium \(Norgalax®\) 10g micro-enema](#)

[BNF Treatment Summary - Constipation](#)

[BNFC Treatment Summary - Constipation](#)

## Enquiries

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