



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2023/052

Micronised Progesterone (Utrogestan®) 100mg capsules

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 19/05/2023

Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

Summary

- There are intermittent supplies of micronised progesterone (Utrogestan®) 100mg capsules until late 2023, resulting in brief periods every month when this product will be unavailable.
- To ensure that all patients have access to treatment, a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) has been issued on 19/05/2023 to limit the quantity of Utrogestan® capsules supplied to patients to 2 months.

Actions Required

Prescribers should consider prescribing quantities of 2 months or less for new and existing patients.

Where patients present with a prescription for more than 2 months' supply of micronised progesterone (Utrogestan®) 100mg capsules:

- pharmacists should consider utilising SSP 056 to limit supply to a maximum of 2 months, where appropriate, providing stock is available, and advising patients on the current supply situation;
- inform the patient's GP that supply of a smaller quantity has been made to ensure the patient's next prescription is provided sooner than expected; and
- where supplies are unavailable, refer patients back to prescribers to consider alternative hormone replacement therapies or the use of unlicensed progesterone 100mg capsules.

Further information

Please refer to the links below for further information:

[Serious Shortage Protocol for micronised progesterone \(Utrogestan®\) 100mg capsules](#)

[SmPC Utrogestan 100mg Capsules](#)

[British Menopause Society: HRT preparations and equivalent alternatives](#)

[British Menopause Society: HRT - Practical Prescribing](#)

Guidance on ordering and prescribing unlicensed imports

- The following specialist importers have confirmed they can source unlicensed progesterone 100mg (Utrogest) capsules (please note there may be other companies that can also source supplies):
 - Target

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

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

- Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and NHS Trust or local governance procedures. Please see the links below for further information:
 - [The supply of unlicensed medicinal products](#), Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
 - [Professional Guidance for the Procurement and Supply of Specials](#), Royal Pharmaceutical Society
 - [Prescribing unlicensed medicines](#), General Medical Council (GMC),

Enquiries

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