

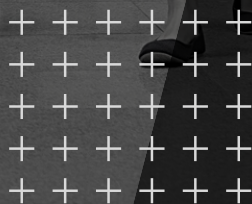


Patients in Need

MEDICINE SHORTAGES

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From 1 shortage per month 20 yrs ago to 4-5 a day



Drugshortage.ch recently revealed troubling data indicating that over 1,000 prescription drug preparations were listed as "unavailable"

In March - a significant increase from the 450 reported in May 2021. In addition, FONES disclosed that approximately 140 essential medicines faced significant delays in delivery, were indefinitely out of stock, or had been completely removed from the market. This represents a staggering jump from the 48 reported in 2017. These developments highlight the urgent need for solutions that prioritize the continued availability of critical medications.

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Ireland



A recent survey conducted by Amárach Research has found that 60% of Irish people have been affected by the shortage of medicines.

The Medicine Shortages Index has reached an all-time high, leading to a significant decline in the availability of essential medical supplies.

Shockingly, there are currently 289 medicines unavailable in Ireland, which is an alarming 50% increase over the past six months.

Patients are advised to pre order prescription with pharmacist five days in advance in case of medicine shortage.

United Kingdom



VPAS of 26.5% for^o Medicine Sales



The current VPAS of 26.5% for medicine sales is not feasible for the branded generic sector, which already operates on a tight profit margin.

Market withdrawals and an increase in medicine shortages will negatively impact patients and ultimately lead to higher costs for the NHS. It is imperative that we address this issue promptly to ensure the sustainability of the healthcare system.

United Kingdom



Patients at risk from anti-epilepsy drug shortages

General practitioners are requested to identify patients who may be susceptible to adverse effects due to shortages of anti-epilepsy medication.

The Department of Health and Social Care issued a warning stating that certain Trileptal types, which are a branded variant of oxcarbazepine, will be unavailable until mid-July in the UK.



United Kingdom



Diabetes UK has issued a warning about the scarcity of Ozempic, as its use for weight reduction has surged. In the UK, diabetic patients are having difficulty obtaining the medications they require due to a worldwide shortage brought on by increased demand due to its weight-loss benefits.



USA



penicillin shortage threatens pregnant women with syphilis and their newborns

Pregnant women and their newborns are at risk due to an imminent shortage of penicillin, the most effective treatment for syphilis. Bicillin, a long-acting injectable form of penicillin commonly used in the US, is projected to be depleted soon.



USA



Adderall shortage^o drags on



As the Adderall shortage drags on, Takeda's Vyvanse is also in high demand.

While the U.S. still struggles with a shortage of ADHD medication, Adderall and its generics, Takeda's rival drug is now also experiencing limited availability.

Germany



Community Pharmacies

Community pharmacies in Germany are experiencing a concerning trend of closure due to medicine shortages. The root cause of this issue is excessive bureaucracy and unpaid extra work. Even when alternative medications are found, a substantial amount of documentation is required to prove to the statutory health insurance that the chosen option is the closest and cheapest available.



Australia



Investigation into the Pharmacy Guild's statements regarding medication shortages yielded revealing results.

The recent decision to increase the amount of medication distributed by community pharmacies in Australia from 30 days to 60 days has sparked debate over its potential impact on shortages.





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medicine procurement platform

Our platform provides medicines procurement teams with access to multiple suppliers and in doing so simplifies the process of obtaining and ordering medicines. The platform complies with NHS digital standards (DTAC) and is regulated by the MHRA, providing a secure and regulated solution for procuring medicines.

iEthico are working with researchers at the University of Leicester to understand how the new platform could be incorporated into existing medicines procurement team workflows.

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