

Disulfram (Anatabuse®) – Shortage/Out of stock

Shortage information

- We have been made aware of a shortage of disulfram 200mg tablets (Anatabuse®).
- Teva are advising that stock may be available again at some point between July and September 2023, Brown & Burk have no re-supply date available.

Prescribing in NHS Grampian

155 patients within NHS Grampian have been supplied disulfram 200mg tablets
(January 2023 – July 2023, run 07/07/23)

Formulary status, stock information & availability

- Disulfram is included in [Grampian Area Formulary](#) for the management of alcohol dependence and can be prescribed on the recommendation of an appropriate specialist.
- Stock is usually available from two suppliers: TEVA and Brown & Burk. When trying to order, both suppliers should be tried.
- Unlicensed stock is available however lead times may vary.
- When considering the prescribing of an unlicensed medication the prescriber and patient/carer must be aware of this prior to prescribing taking place and the NHS Grampian [specials approval process](#) should be followed.

Actions for primary care

- For some patient's, personal stock as well as stock within the community pharmacy network may mean that no change to prescribing is required.

Actions for community pharmacy

- Both suppliers of disulfram (Teva and Brown & Burk) should be contacted to obtain licensed stock.
- Where no licensed stock can be sourced, and supplies are required to ensure no breaks in treatment, a request can be made to order and supply unlicensed medication.
- Where unlicensed medication is deemed to be required authorisation must be sought using the process highlighted above.

Further information

- MHRA hierarchy - '[The supply of unlicensed medicinal products \("specials"\)](#)'
- [Special Formulation And Unlicensed Products In Primary Care \(nhsgrampian.org\)](#)