



3 April 2024

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Isosorbide mononitrate (Monomil® XL) 60mg modified-release tablets

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: end of June 2024

Issue

1. Isosorbide mononitrate (Monomil® XL) 60mg modified-release tablets are out of stock until the end of June 2024.
2. Chemydur® 60XL, Isotard® 60XL, Relosorb® XL 60mg, Monomax® XL 60mg, Monosorb® XL 60 and Tardisc® XL 60 tablets remain available and can all partially support the increased demand.
3. Other brands of isosorbide mononitrate 60mg modified release-tablets are available but are not able to support the increase in demand.
4. A UK-wide Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) was issued on 26/03/2024 (ref number SSP059). Please refer to [PCA\(P\)\(2024\) 03](#) for more details.

Advice and Actions

5. Remaining isosorbide mononitrate (Monomil® XL) 60mg modified-release tablets should be reserved for patients identified as needing to be maintained on that brand.
6. Where a prescription for isosorbide mononitrate (Monomil® XL) 60mg modified-release tablets is presented and cannot be fulfilled, community pharmacists should:
 - supply an alternative isosorbide mononitrate 60mg modified release-tablet preparation according to the products specified in SSP059.
7. If the patient is deemed ineligible or does not consent to receive an alternative product via the SSP, clinicians can consider prescribing the following products:
 - Chemydur® 60XL, Isotard® 60XL, Relosorb® XL, Monomax® XL, Monosorb® XL 60 and Tardisc® XL 60 tablets; or
 - a suitable alternative medicine.

Additional Information

8. Patient reassurance may be needed when switching between isosorbide mononitrate formulations.

Links to further information

- [SmPC Monomil® XL 60mg Tablets](#)
- [SmPC Tardisc® 60XL Tablets](#)
- [SmPC Chemydur® 60XL Tablets](#)
- [SmPC Monomax® XL 60 mg Tablets](#)
- [SmPC Isotard® 60XL Tablets](#)
- [SmPC Monosorb® XL 60 Tablets](#)
- [SmPC Relosorb® XL tablets](#)
- [Isosorbide mononitrate | Drugs | BNF | NICE](#)
- [NHSBSA Serious Shortage Protocols](#)

Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website

9. The UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in conjunction with SPS have launched an online Medicines Supply Tool, which provides up to date information about medicine supply issues. To access the online Medicines Supply Tool you need to register with the [SPS website](#). Registration for access to the website is available to UK healthcare professionals and organisations providing NHS healthcare. The tool is located under the Tools tab and then click on the Medicines Supply option.
10. We encourage prescribers, pharmacy professionals, and pharmacy procurement leads in Scotland to register with the SPS website and use its Medicine Supply Tool to stay up to date concerning medicines supply disruptions. Please be aware that while medicines supply issues will appear on the SPS website, some of the recommended actions may not always be appropriate / relevant within the Scottish context.

Enquiries

11. Enquiries from Health Boards or healthcare professionals should be directed in the first instance to PharmacyTeam@gov.scot (primary care) or NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.scot (secondary care).