**Shortage Ramipril 2.5mg Tablets**

**Shortage information**

A shortage of ramipril 2.5mg tablets has been identified. A resupply date of November 2024 has been provided.

**Stock information & availability**

Ramipril 2.5mg capsules remain available and can support a full uplift in demand.

Other strengths of ramipril are available, but are unable to support an uplift in demand.

**Actions for primary care**

**Community Pharmacy/Dispensing Doctors**

* where a prescription for ramipril 2.5mg tablets is presented and cannot be fulfilled, supply ramipril 2.5mg capsules in accordance with SSP071 (issued 6 August 2024 – attached).
* Ensure the cautions and exclusion criteria are taken into account when considering using an SSP, and ensure patients/parents/carers are counselled regarding the switch in formulation, and acceptability of gelatine in capsules.
* If the patient is deemed ineligible or does not consent to receive the capsule formulation via the SSP, they should be promptly referred back to the prescriber.

**GP Practice Teams**

Prescribers should:

* not initiate new patients on ramipril 2.5mg tablets until the supply issue has resolved;
* where patients have insufficient supplies of ramipril 2.5mg tablets, consider prescribing ramipril 2.5mg capsules, if suitable, checking patient acceptability of gelatine content of capsules; and
* where the above option is unsuitable, consider prescribing an alternative ACE inhibitor, taking into account the indication, the patient’s comorbidities, and local guidance/formularies.