



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2024/115

Estradiol (Estradot[®]) 50micrograms/24 hours, 75micrograms/24 hours, and 100micrograms/24 hours transdermal patches

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 19/12/2024

Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

Summary

- Estradiol (Estradot[®]) 75micrograms/24hours and 100micrograms/24hours transdermal patches will be out of stock until mid-January 2025.
- Estradiol (Estradot[®]) 50micrograms/24hours transdermal patches will be out of stock until late February 2025.
- Alternative brands of estradiol patches (Evorel[®] and Estraderm MX[®]) across these strengths are available and can support a full uplift in demand.
- FemSeven[®] (estradiol) transdermal patches (once weekly application) remain available and can support an uplift in demand.
- Progynova[®] (estradiol) transdermal patches also remain available but cannot support an uplift in demand.
- Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for estradiol (Estradot[®]) 50micrograms/24 hours, 75micrograms/24 hours and 100micrograms/24 hours transdermal patches were issued on 19/12/2024.

Actions Required

Prescribers should not initiate new patients on Estradot[®] 50micrograms/24hours, 75micrograms/24hours and 100micrograms/24hours transdermal patches until the supply issues have resolved.

For patients with insufficient supplies of Estradot[®] 50micrograms/24 hours, 75micrograms/24 hours and 100micrograms/24 hours transdermal patches:

- community pharmacists may supply an equivalent strength of Evorel[®] or Estraderm MX[®] transdermal patches in accordance with the SSP for eligible patients (see Supporting information below); and
- if the above options are not appropriate or patients have previously had intolerances to Evorel[®] or Estraderm MX[®] patches, refer the patient to the prescriber to establish if ongoing treatment is required, and to consider use of an alternative [available hormone replacement therapy \(HRT\)](#).

Supporting information

Clinical Information

Estradot[®] patches are licensed as hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for oestrogen deficiency symptoms in postmenopausal women.

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

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

[Links to further information](#)

[SmPC Estradot® patches](#)

[SmPC Evorel® patches](#)

[SmPC Estraderm MX® patches](#)

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

[SSP Estradiol \(Estradot®\) 50microgram/24hours, 75micrograms/24 hours and 100microgram/24hours transdermal patches](#)

[CKS: Menopause- Hormone replacement therapy](#)

[Further updates](#)

DHSC will continue to provide updates on HRT stock availability on the [Medicine Supply Tool](#) and designated '[Prescribing available HRT products](#)' page on the Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website.

Enquiries

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