**Supply issues with ketotifen (Zaditen), metronidazole (Acea), oral contraceptives tablets and an update on H2-antagonists**

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| **Medicine** | **Out of stock until** | **Alternatives**  **(NB FP10 prescriptions must indicate that a special is required/prescribed by the GP if relevant)** |
| **MSN/2019/020 -U**  **H2-antagonists (cimetidine, famotidine and nizatidine)** | Please see MSN for further information | Unlicensed imports of cimetidine has been sourced.  Cimetidine oral solution remains available. |
| **MSN/2020/042**  **Ketotifen 1mg/5ml elixir (Zaditen)** | To be confirmed | Unlicensed imports of ketotifen elixir have been sourced.  Zaditen 1mg tablets are also available. |
| **MSN/2020/041**  **Metronidazole (Acea) 0.75% gel** | September 2020 | Metrogel 0.75% gel  Rozex 0.75% gel |
| **MSN/2020/043** Oral Contraceptive tablets (various brands) | Please see MSN for further information | N/A |

There have also been changes to the resupply dates of the medicines listed below. These MSNs were previously circulated via our commissioning routes.

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| **Original MSN reference** | **Date of original MSN/SDA** | **Supply issue** | **Resupply date originally communicated** | **Updated resupply date as of**  **w/c  13th July 2020** |  |
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| MSN/2020/012 | 12-Mar-20 | Promazine 25mg & 50mg tablets | Mid-April 2020 | TBC |  |
| MSN/2020/035 | 25-Jun-20 | Mirtazapine 15mg and 45mg orodispersible tablets | Late July 2020 | 15mg – late July 2020 |  |
| 45mg – mid-August 2020 |
| MSN/2020/040 | 8-Jul-20 | Sodium cromoglycate 5mg (Intal) inhaler | Mid-November 2020 | Parallel Import currently available through Phoenix or direct from DrugsRUs |  |

Please be aware this communication is also being circulated separately to all Community Pharmacies in England

Please note that supply issues that have been categorised as tier 1 or 2, DHSC and the MSRG have requested that we use our commissioning routes to reach community pharmacy and GP practices. More serious supply issues are communicated via the Central Alerting System for action.

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