

# MONTHLY MEDICATION SAFETY UPDATE

## Information for health professionals in NSW public health organisations

This is a summary of medication safety and supply related issues affecting NSW public health facilities in **January 2024**. Updates regarding current medication-specific safety and supply related issues are available on the [CEC website](#).

### Medication safety issues under investigation

- Ongoing monitoring of disruption to the supply of benzathine benzylpenicillin – updates will be made on [CEC Medication Safety Updates](#) page and [TGA](#) website.

### Relevant clinician information to note

- Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine dimesilate) capsules – [shortage](#)
- Spiriva Respimat® Solution for Inhalation 2.5 micrograms – [product defect correction](#)
- Henry Blooms Herb-a-lax – [product recall](#)
- Atri King tablets containing undeclared diclofenac, dexamethasone and phenolphthalein – [safety alert](#)
- Various products containing undeclared vardenafil, sildenafil and tadalafil – safety alerts available [here](#)
- Therapeutic vapes – [updated guidance](#), [information for prescribers](#), [information for pharmacists](#) and [practical guidance for medical and nurse practitioners](#)
- [Product Information safety updates – January 2024](#)

### Current projects with eHealth NSW

- Processes for the ongoing maintenance and optimisation of the NSW Medicines Formulary online platform have now commenced, with the next update expected to be released in March 2024. The review of the Individual Patient Use Business Case continues, with an outcome expected in the coming weeks.

### Medication Safety and Supply Summary

38	SAFETY/SUPPLY ISSUES REQUIRING INVESTIGATION BY THE MEDICATION SAFETY TEAM
9	WERE REPORTED TO THE FRONTLINE DUE TO SAFETY RISK REQUIRING LOCAL MITIGATION
0	RESULTED IN FORMAL SAFETY COMMUNICATION
2	PREVIOUS ISSUES RESOLVED ON CEC ONLINE PORTAL

### Safety Alerts/Notices/Information released

Nil.

### Medication Safety Communications released

Nil.

### Medications reported on online portal this month

[Amoxicillin, chloramphenicol eye drops, estradiol transdermal patches, gliclazide 80 mg tablets, heparin 50 units in 5 mL, lisdexamfetamine, olanzapine depot injections, pralidoxime iodide, prochlorperazine 5 mg tablets](#)

### Contact us

If you need support or assistance with medication safety matters in your facility, please email us:

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