

MONTHLY MEDICATION SAFETY UPDATE – April 2021

Information for health professionals in NSW public health organisations

Updates regarding current medication-specific safety and supply related issues are available via [the online portal](#) on the CEC website. Subscribe [HERE](#) to receive an email when there is new/updated information. This is a summary of medication safety and supply related issues affecting NSW public health facilities in April 2021.

Medication safety issues under investigation

- Enoxaprin (Clexane®) safety lock syringes – reports of needle-stick injuries occurring with the use of this product have been received. The Medication Safety Team will be releasing formal communication on this issue.

Medication Safety and Supply Summary

37	SUPPLY ISSUES MADE APPARENT TO CEC
3	OF THESE REQUIRED FURTHER INVESTIGATION DUE TO POTENTIAL SAFETY CONCERNS
9	WERE REPORTED TO FRONTLINE DUE TO SAFETY RISK REQUIRING LOCAL MITIGATION
2	RESULTED IN FORMAL SAFETY COMMUNICATION
3	PREVIOUS ISSUES RESOLVED ON CEC ONLINE PORTAL

Safety Alerts/Notices/Information released

Nil released in April 2021

Medication Safety Communications released

[Flebogamma 10% DIF immunoglobulin](#) – 1 April

[Salbutamol metered dose inhaler](#) – 28 April

Current projects with eHealthNSW

For more information regarding these projects – email CEC-MedicationSafety@health.nsw.gov.au

- *Antimicrobial Stewardship Design Working Group* – reviewing the AMS mPage solution and adapting the Gentamicin Dosage Advisor for the paediatric population.
- *Adult Gentamicin Dosage Advisor* – anticipated to be made available to all LHDs during Q2 2021
- *Patient Friendly Medication List* – assisting rural LHDs with implementation and proceeding with product enhancement work.
- *Revised electronic VTE risk assessment tool* – the anticipated pilot at Prince of Wales Hospital has been delayed from March to May, due to increased COVID related work. Pending a successful pilot in May, this will be available for state-wide release.

Medications reported on online portal this month – [Flebogamma 10% DIF immunoglobulin](#), [Furosemide](#), [HYDROMorphone](#), [Salbutamol](#), [Adrenaline](#), [Enoxaparin](#)

Relevant clinician information to note

- TGA Information – [2021 seasonal influenza vaccines: Information for consumers and health professionals](#)
- TGA Information – [AstraZeneca ChAdOx1-S COVID-19 vaccine: Second case of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia](#)
- TGA Information – [AstraZeneca ChAdOx1-S COVID-19 vaccine: Third Australian case of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia likely linked to vaccine](#)
- TGA Information – [AstraZeneca ChAdOx1-S COVID-19 vaccine: Three additional Australian cases of TTS likely linked to vaccine](#)
- TGA Medicines Safety Update – [Clonidine importance of dosing compliance and safe storage](#)
- TGA Safety Advisory – [Tandem t:slim X2 insulin pump](#)