

# 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 **July 2023**. Updates regarding current medication-specific safety and supply related issues are available on the [CEC website](#).

### Medication safety issues under investigation

- Assessment regarding suitability of adding [andexanet alfa](#) to the NSW Medicines Formulary currently underway.
- Disruption to the supply of glucagon (GlucaGen Hypokit) – **Safety Notice** being prepared.

### Relevant clinician information to note

- Statewide consultation regarding revised High-Risk Medicines Management Policy Directive and associated Standards has begun – ‘Have your say’ [here](#).
- TGA updates:
  - Ryzodeg 70/30 FlexTouch insulin pre-filled pens [shortage](#) – a [Serious Scarcity Substitution Instrument \(SSSI\)](#) has been issued
  - Ozempic (semaglutide) [shortage extension and change to prescribing advice](#)
  - Ordine (morphine) oral liquid [discontinuation](#)
  - Trulicity (dulaglutide) [shortage extension](#)
  - MS-2 Step (mifepristone and misoprostol) [amendments to prescribing restrictions](#)
  - COVID-19 vaccine [safety report](#) and [ICMRA statement](#)
  - MDMA and psilocybin [updates to access and safeguards](#)
  - [Product Information safety updates – June 2023](#)

### Current projects with eHealthNSW

- Continued collaboration on the VTE Prevention eMR project, working towards a pilot beginning in October this year.
- Continued collaboration on the NSW Medicines Formulary online platform.

### Medication Safety and Supply Summary

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

### Safety Alerts/Notices/Information released

SN:017/23: [Intravenous and subcutaneous Immunoglobulins \(IVIg and SCIg\): Potential for error: look-alike / sound-alike](#) – 27 July 2023

### Medication Safety Communications released

[Insulin degludec 70% with insulin aspart 30 % \(Ryzodeg® 70/30 FlexTouch®\) pre-filled pens](#) – originally published on 19 July; updated and republished on 2 August 2023

### Medications reported on online portal this month

[Dipyridamole \(Persantin\) 10 mg/2 mL, glucagon \(GlucaGen\) Hypokit, methylprednisolone sodium succinate injection, morphine hydrochloride \(Ordine\) oral solution, Ryzodeg 70/30 FlexTouch, semaglutide, vigabatrin 500 mg sachets and tablets](#)

### Contact us

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