

19 November 2015

To All New Zealand Pharmacies

Subject **Potential out of Stock of Span-K, potassium chloride 600 mg long-acting tablets**

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Dear Pharmacist

We have been advised by Aspen Pharmacare of a potential out of stock of **Span-K, potassium chloride 600 mg** long-acting tablets. In response we are removing STAT dispensing from Span-K, potassium chloride 600 mg long-acting tablets **effective immediately** (20 November 2015).

**Span-K potassium chloride tab long-acting 600 mg (8 mmol) 30 day dispensing**

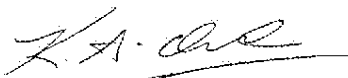
- From 20 November 2015 until further notice a prescription for potassium chloride tab long-acting 600 mg (8 mmol), Span-K, **must be** dispensed in no more than 30 day lots.
- STAT dispensing will be removed from 20 November 2015 so that monthly dispensing will apply, unless the patient is eligible for more dispensings under Frequent Dispensing Rule.
- We have included instructions below on how to amend your pharmacy software systems.

We are working with Aspen Pharmacare to resolve the supply issue as soon as possible. We will keep you informed on when we anticipate re-instating STAT.

We appreciate this is a disruption and thank you for your co-operation.

If you have any questions regarding above, please contact PHARMAC on 0800 66 00 50, [enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) or Aspen on 0800 858377

Yours sincerely,



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**TONIQ Users**Either

1. Click on Toniaq main menu message:  
20 Nov 15 \*\* URGENT Stat removal from SPAN K \*\*\*

OR follow

2. Manual Edit process

From the Toniaq Dispensary program, Main Menu

- 1.Prescriptions, **F7 Med**, Enter **2144468** (SPAN K pharmacode), **F11** twice.
- Find the **Stat start date** in the Supply information, (currently set to 01/02/04)
- **Delete** this date and press **[Enter]**
- F11, F12 Accept details

**LOTS Users**

This listing will be automatically updated by LOTS.