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EMEND TRI-PACK (APREPITANT) TEMPORARY STOCK-OUT

Dear Healthcare Professional:

This letter is to inform you that the supply of EMEND TRI-PACK will be disrupted beginning in April. The anticipated re-supply date has not yet been confirmed. In order to ensure continued availability of EMEND to the market we have secured supply of US labelled 40mg EMEND.

The US labelled product contains a leaflet that is specific to the US market, please disregard the leaflet.

To achieve equivalent dosing to the TRI-PACK the adult dosage of EMEND 40mg for chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting (CINV) is as follows:

Day 1

3 × 40mg capsules 1 hour before the start of chemotherapy

Days 2 and 3

2 × 40mg capsules each morning for days 2 and 3 after chemotherapy

The standard TRI-PACK contains three capsules (1×125mg and 2×80mg) that make up three doses for CINV.

One pack of EMEND 40mg contains 5 individually wrapped 40mg capsules. A total of seven capsules are required to complete dosing. The pharmacy should not dispense a whole pack to a patient but rather the appropriate number of capsules.

EMEND 40mg has been approved for distribution by Medsafe (not a section 29 product) and will be listed on the Pharmaceutical Schedule from April 1st with an OP endorsement.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused to you and your patients by this supply disruption. We will provide an update as soon as a date has been confirmed for resupply of the TRI-PACK. Please contact MSD Customer Services on 0800 500 673 for any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Hartevelt", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Michael Hartevelt
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