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**To All New Zealand Pharmacies, Wholesalers**

**Subject Fluorometholone eye drops 0.1% (FML) Supply issue**

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Good afternoon

PHARMAC has been advised by Allergan New Zealand of a supply issue for fluorometholone eye drops 0.1% (FML). New stock of FML is expected to be available for supply from mid-April 2019.

PHARMAC is working hard to find an alternative brand to list. In the meantime, to assist in managing the remaining FML stock to ensure all patients have access to a funded product, PHARMAC is asking pharmacists to give FML one bottle (5 ml OP) per dispensing with additional repeats. Pharmacies will be reimbursed per dispensing.

We also ask pharmacists to bear in mind the supply issue when dispensing unfunded supply of FML.

We thank you for your assistance in managing this stock issue. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact PHARMAC at [enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) or call 0800 660 050.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "LW", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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