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Dear Pharmacist & Wholesaler,

**NOTIFICATION OF A TEMPORARY STORAGE AND ALTERNATIVE FOR
HEPARIN 5000IU/mL, 1mL amp, 5 pack.**

Please be advised of a temporary shortage of Heparin 5000IU/mL, 1mL amp listed below.

Presentation	Pack Size	Pfizer Item Code	Pharmacode	Next delivery
Heparin 5000IU/mL 1mL ampoule	5 ampoule	M8075BAU1	2034255	end-July 2019

The temporary shortage is due to a delay at the manufacturing site. Pfizer New Zealand has stock on hand and is managing supply with wholesalers and DHB's until mid-April when we expect our supply to be exhausted. From mid-April until end-July, the demand for Heparin 5000IU/mL, 1mL ampoule will be met by an alternative. Details on how to order the alternative are in the table below:

Presentation	Pack Size	Pfizer Item Code	Pharmacode	Available from
Heparin 5000IU/mL 1mL ampoule	5 ampoule	M8963BAU1	2566184	mid-April 2019

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause you and your patients. Please direct all supply or medical enquiries regarding Heparin 5,000IU/mL, 1mL ampoule to Pfizer New Zealand on 0800 736 363.

Please report any suspected adverse events via email to Pfizer Drug Safety at AUS.AEReporting@pfizer.com. Alternatively, suspected adverse events may be reported to the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM) in Dunedin online at <https://nzphvc.otago.ac.nz/reporting> or by email to nzphvc@otago.ac.nz.

Before prescribing, please review the full Heparin 5000IU/mL, 1mL ampoule data sheet available at www.medsafe.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully,

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