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## Pfizer New Zealand Limited

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Dear Pharmacist & Wholesaler,

**LONG-TERM SUPPLY INTERRUPTION:**  
**DBL™ MORPHINE TARTRATE INJECTION 80mg/mL, 1.5mL AMPOULES**

Please be advised of a long-term supply interruption to Morphine Tartrate 80mg/mL, 1.5mL ampoules. Pfizer is currently working with PHARMAC to achieve a resolution to this interruption.

Presentation	Pack Size	Pfizer Item Code	Pharmacode	Out of stock date	Next batch Available
DBL™ Morphine Tartrate 80mg/mL, 1.5mL ampoules	5	M8200BAU1	615137	Late September	Unknown

There are no safety concerns with the above product. Pfizer is the sole supplier of this product in New Zealand.

Pfizer wish to advise the following:

- There is a long term out of stock for DBL Morphine tartrate 80mg/mL injection 1.5mL ampoule beyond 2019. The issue is with the supply of the active ingredient. Morphine tartrate is a product with a small supply base and there is very limited capacity globally for supply or alternative sources.
- Due to long term interruption to supply, protocols for the use of DBL Morphine tartrate 80mg/mL injection should be reviewed for therapeutic alternatives. Depending on clinical requirements, 10mg/mL, 15mg/mL and 30mg/mL morphine sulphate ampoules are available. We have adequate supplies of all strengths available to wholesalers and pharmacies to cover this supply interruption.

Presentation	Pack Size	Pfizer Item Code	Pharmacode	Available
DBL™ Morphine Sulphate 10mg/mL, 1mL ampoules	5	M8191BAU1	395013	Now
DBL™ Morphine Sulphate 15mg/mL, 1mL ampoules	5	M8193BAU1	395005	Now
DBL™ Morphine Sulphate 30mg/mL, 1mL ampoules	5	M8195BAU1	394998	Now

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause you and your patients. Please contact Pfizer Medical Information on 0800 736 363 if you have any questions. Before prescribing, please review the applicable data sheet available at [www.medsafe.govt.nz](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz).

Please report any suspected adverse events via email to Pfizer Drug Safety at [AUS.AEReporting@pfizer.com](mailto: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](mailto:nzphvc@otago.ac.nz).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Gargiulo', written in a cursive style.

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