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Dear Health Care Professional

Updates: supply of Etopophos inj (etoposide phosphate), Vumon inj (teniposide), Vepesid(etoposide) oral in Australia

Etopophos(etoposide phosphate) out of stock continues

On behalf of Bristol Myers Squibb, I regret to inform you that Etopophos continues to be out of stock for the foreseeable future due to problems sourcing the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient. There is no certainty about the date of resupply to the market. We will review our position in Jul 2017.

Etopophos is indicated for use in the treatment of: Small cell carcinoma of the lung, acute monocytic and myelomonocytic leukaemia, Hodgkin's and Non-Hodgkin's lymphomas and testicular tumours.

We regret this continuing out of stock situation, acknowledging that the potential generic and therapeutic alternatives have implications for clinical practice, compounding and administration.

Vumon(teniposide) supply to cease

Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) will cease supply of Vumon injection between March and August 2017 because global production has ended. This action is not related to any product safety or efficacy issue. We recognise that a cessation of supply of medication for these patient populations may be challenging, particularly at a time when etoposide phosphate supplies are restricted.

Vumon(teniposide) is a chemotherapeutic agent used for haematologic and solid tumour malignancies including Hodgkin's & Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, non-resectable or recurrent glioma, advanced transitional cell bladder carcinoma and in acute lymphoblastic leukaemia and neuroblastoma in children.

Vepesid(etoposide) capsules 50mg supply

Vepesid 50mg capsules have been on short supply recently. The next shipment is expected in mid-December 2016. Vepesid 100mg capsules are currently in stock.

Please do not hesitate to contact customer service on 1800 629 273 should you have any queries.

Best wishes

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