



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2024/098

Torsemide 10mg tablets

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 02/10/2024

Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

Summary

- Torsemide 10mg tablets are in limited supply until March 2025.
- Torsemide 5mg tablets remain available and can support a partial increase in demand.
- Alternative loop diuretics remain available (see Supporting information).

Actions Required

Prescribers should:

- not initiate new patients on torsemide 10mg tablets until the shortage has resolved;
- where patients are unable to obtain further supplies of torsemide 10mg tablets to last until the re-supply date, consider prescribing an alternative loop diuretic (furosemide or bumetanide tablets) and;
- for any patients unable to switch, review the reason for this, and reserve remaining supplies of torsemide 5mg and 10mg tablets for patients who are still considered unsuitable for or intolerant of alternative loop diuretics.

Supporting information

Torsemide is a loop diuretic that differs slightly in pharmacokinetics to the other agents in this class. The 10mg tablets are licensed for the treatment of oedema due to congestive heart failure, hepatic, pulmonary or renal oedema. The licensed dose range of torsemide is 5mg to 20mg per day; and in individual cases, as high as 40mg per day. The licensed dose range of alternative loops diuretics should be referred to as a guide to aid dose selection (see table from [CKS](#)) and titrated according to symptoms and tolerability.

Table from [CKS](#): Loop diuretic doses for people with heart failure.

Diuretic	Daily starting dose	Usual daily dose
Bumetanide	0.5 mg in the elderly to 1.0 mg	1 mg to 5 mg
Furosemide	20 mg to 40 mg	20 mg to 160 mg
Torsemide	5 mg to 10 mg	10 mg to 20 mg

[Links to further information](#)

[SmPC Torsemide 5mg tablets](#)
[SmPC Torsemide 10mg tablets](#)
[SmPC Furosemide 20mg tablets](#)
[SmPC Furosemide 40mg tablets](#)

[SmPC Bumetanide 1mg tabs](#)
[SmPC Bumetanide 5mg tabs](#)
[BNF Torsemide](#)
[BNF: Treatment Summary- Diuretics](#)
[CKS: Heart failure - chronic- diuretics](#)

*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>



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