





MSN/2025/043

Amiodarone 200mg tablets Tier 2 – medium impact\* Date of issue: 11/07/2025 Link: <u>Medicines Supply Tool</u>

### Summary

- Amiodarone 200mg tablets are out of stock until early August 2025.
- Amiodarone 100mg tablets remain available and can support a limited increase in demand.
- Alternative antiarrhythmics agents remain available.

## **Actions Required**

Clinicians should not initiate new patients on amiodarone tablets (other than those with critical arrythmias – see below) until the supply issue has resolved.

Where patients have insufficient supply to last until the re-supply date, clinicians should liaise with specialists to determine whether amiodarone continues to be the most suitable therapy (see Supporting information) and discuss alternative management options, if appropriate. This should include a review of those not in sinus rhythm despite taking amiodarone for rhythm control and any patient with atrial fibrillation (AF) / atrial flutter prescribed amiodarone for rate control.

Where specialists have advised that amiodarone is the most appropriate therapy, such as in ventricular tachycardia (see Supporting information), consider prescribing amiodarone 100mg tablets to make up the required dose, ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients and is counselled on number of tablets to take.

Advice should be sought from specialists on alternative management options if there are insufficient supplies of amiodarone 100mg tablets to bridge the supply gap.

# Supporting information

#### **Clinical Information**

Amiodarone is only indicated for the treatment of severe rhythm disorders not responding to other therapies or when other treatments cannot be used. Treatment should be initiated and normally monitored only under hospital or specialist supervision. Primary care is recommended to only prescribe amiodarone if initiated in secondary care and, ideally, where there is a shared care arrangement in place. Amiodarone is not recommended for rate control in AF / atrial flutter.

Links to further information

SmPC amiodarone tablets BNF amiodarone BNF arrythmias <u>NHS England- Items which should not routinely be</u> prescribed in primary care: policy guidance

## Enquiries

If you have any queries, please contact DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk

\*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/