



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2024/082

Ramipril 2.5mg tablets

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 06/08/2024

Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

Summary

- Ramipril 2.5mg tablets are anticipated to be out of stock from mid-August until late-October 2024.
- Ramipril 2.5mg capsules remain available and can support a full uplift in demand.
- Other strengths of ramipril tablets remain available but are unable to support an uplift in demand.
- A Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for ramipril 2.5mg tablets has been issued on 06/08/2024.

Actions Required

Community pharmacists and dispensing doctors should:

- where a prescription for ramipril 2.5mg tablets is presented and cannot be fulfilled, supply ramipril 2.5mg capsules in accordance with SSP071;
- ensure the cautions and exclusion criteria are taken into account when considering using an SSP; and
- ensure patients/parents/carers are counselled regarding the switch in formulation, and acceptability of gelatine in capsules.

If the patient is deemed ineligible or does not consent to receive the capsule formulation via the SSP, they should be promptly referred back to the prescriber.

Prescribers should:

- not initiate new patients on ramipril 2.5mg tablets until the supply issue has resolved;
- where patients have insufficient supplies of ramipril 2.5mg tablets, consider prescribing ramipril 2.5mg capsules, if suitable, checking patient acceptability of gelatine content of capsules; and
- where the above option is unsuitable, consider prescribing an alternative ACE inhibitor, taking into account the indication, the patient's comorbidities, and local guidance/formularies.

Supporting information

Ramipril tablets and capsules are licensed for cardiovascular prevention, and for the treatment of hypertension, renal disease, symptomatic heart failure and secondary prevention after an acute myocardial infarction.

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

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

Please refer to the links below for further information:

[SmPC: Ramipril capsules and tablets](#)

[BNF: Ramipril](#)

[Serious Shortage Protocol for ramipril 2.5mg tablets](#)

[NICE CKS: Prescribing information - ACE inhibitors](#)

[NICE CKS: Chronic Heart failure - ACE inhibitors](#)

Enquiries

All organisations should send enquiries about this notice to the DHSC Medicine Supply Team quoting reference number MSN/2024/082

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