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Originator: DHSC & NHS England and Improvement: Supply disruption alert

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Action category: Action

Title: Champix (varenicline) 0.5mg and 1mg tablets - Supply Disruption

Broadcast content:

All Champix® (varenicline) products are unavailable until further notice with very limited residual stock may be available in pharmacies.

- Patients currently prescribed this treatment will require review and switching to nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) unless contraindicated.
- No new patients should be initiated on Champix® (varenicline) products.
- Prescribers initiating smoking cessation treatment for new patients should consider prescribing NRT or bupropion 150mg prolonged release tablets unless contraindicated.
- Helping a patient to stop smoking should not be delayed if they are motivated to stop as other effective options are available.

This alert contains further information and action for providers.

Please note that no response is required via the CAS website to this alert.

Additional information: NHS England and NHS Improvement regional offices: please cascade this alert to community pharmacy, dental and optometry contractors.

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Attachments: • [SDA_2021_006.pdf](#)