



## **Medicine Supply Notification**

### **Senna 7.5mg/5mL oral solution**

Date of issue: 13/5/20

#### **Issue**

1. Due to a manufacturing problem with Senna 7.5mg/5mL oral solution - we are currently out of stock and do not have a date of resolution.

#### **Advice and Actions**

- All senna oral solution prescriptions should be reviewed and the following actions considered:
  - Can the patient tolerate senna tablets?
  - Can the laxative prescription be switched to an alternative class - e.g. lactulose, laxido (osmotic laxatives), ispaghula husk (bulk forming laxative)?
  - If a stimulant laxative is required and the patient is unable to tolerate tablets, consider switching to docusate liquid, glycerin suppositories or bisacodyl suppositories.
  - Senna 7.5mg/5mL oral solution may ONLY be used if none of the above options are suitable.
- There is no information in standard reference resources regarding crushing senna tablets for administration to patients with swallowing difficulties or enteral feeding tubes.
- Senna 7.5mg/5mL oral solution is currently available on ward stock lists across Tayside. If possible, can unopened bottles that are not required please be returned to PDDC to allow centralisation of stock.

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