

Drug Shortage Update
06/10/03

UNASYN INJECTION (AMPICILLIN/SULBACTAM)

Shortage information

- Generic manufacturer is experiencing production difficulties, brand manufacturer can not meet increased demand
- An expected resolution date has not been released by either manufacturer

Current Stock

- Current stock is very limited. At current usage rates, approximately one week supply is available
- Wholesaler is only releasing small, weekly allocations

Procedure

- Please use alternative antibiotics whenever appropriate
- Antibiotics with ***Comparable*** * Spectra include:
 - Ceftriaxone (*No enterococcus*) ± Metronidazole (*B. Frag.*)
 - Cefoxitin (*No enterococcus, includes B. Frag.*)
 - Ciprofloxacin (*Possible enterococcus*) ± Metronidazole (*B. Frag.*)
 - Gentamicin (*Enterococcus*) ± Clindamycin (*B.Frag.*)
 - Ticarcillin/Clavulanic Acid (*Broader Spectrum, enterococcus included*)
- Piperacillin/Tazobactam (*Broader Spectrum, enterococcus included*) (☼Also on shortage, please recommend sparingly)

- (*The above antibiotics do **not** have identical spectra to Unasyn (ampicillin/sulbactam). Coverage of *Enterococcus, L. monocytogenes, N. gonorrhoeae, N. meningitidis* and some anaerobic coverage may be lost. The importance of this coverage must be assessed on a patient specific basis.)