

## Notice: Critical Stock Shortage of Adrenaline in the Public Sector

SASA would like to inform you about a critical stock shortage of adrenaline in the public sector, which requires immediate attention and action from all healthcare professionals. There has been a disruption in the supply chain of adrenaline. The shortage is impacting hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities within the public sector. Inventories of adrenaline have reached a critically low level, with only limited supplies remaining. It is crucial that we respond promptly to this situation to ensure the continued provision of optimal care to our patients while NDoH assists suppliers to acquire and distribute stock.

In light of this shortage, we kindly request your assistance in adhering to the following guidelines:

1. **Stock Assessment:** Immediately assess the current adrenaline stock levels in your respective departments or units. Please inform the designated inventory manager or pharmacy personnel of your findings so that accurate records can be maintained.
2. **Prioritization of Usage:** Given the limited supply, it is essential to prioritize the administration of adrenaline to patients with severe or life-threatening conditions. Healthcare professionals must carefully evaluate the need for adrenaline and consider alternative treatment options whenever appropriate and safe.
3. **Communication and Collaboration:** Maintain open lines of communication with your colleagues, particularly those involved in emergency care and critical care settings, to ensure efficient and judicious utilization of available adrenaline supplies.
4. **Reporting Shortages:** Report any instances of stock depletion or imminent shortages immediately to the designated pharmacy department. Timely reporting is crucial to facilitate appropriate management and sourcing of additional supplies. Please also share these shortages on the SASA Drugs WhatsApp group (see contact details below for access to this group).

We are actively working with NDoH Affordable Medicines and other stakeholders to address this situation and expedite the replenishment of adrenaline stocks. However, until a resolution is achieved, we must all cooperate and make every effort to minimize the impact of this shortage on patient care.

We appreciate your understanding, dedication, and commitment to maintaining the highest standards of healthcare delivery, even in challenging circumstances. Your vigilance and responsible management of adrenaline supplies will undoubtedly contribute to ensuring the well-being of our patients.

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