Droperidol 2.5 mg/mL injection shortage

The Issue:
There is a back order of droperidol 2.5 mg/mL, 2 mL vials. The only Canadian manufacturer of this product is Sandoz, which has indicated an end of May 2014 release date.

Stock levels are steadily depleting, and inventory will likely be depleted prior to the resolution of this back order.

Key changes include:
- Physicians should be aware of the shortage of droperidol.
- Use a therapeutic alternative* as clinically appropriate. Potential alternatives for the prevention or treatment of nausea and vomiting include: ondansetron, dexamethasone, dimenhydrinate, metoclopramide, and promethazine

*Alternatives are provided for clinician information and may not be appropriate for all clinical situations. The information provided does not replace clinician judgement.

Action:
Please post this notice in your area and ensure all staff is informed about the change.

Contact:
Please contact your site pharmacy department with any questions or concerns.

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