Metoclopramide 5 mg/mL injection shortage - Update

Due to the Sandoz drug shortage, Metoclopramide 5 mg/mL injection is currently available in limited quantities and anticipated to go on back order in mid-December 2013 until mid-January 2014.

In order to conserve our stock to ensure it is available for those patients where alternatives do not exist, the following is recommended:

- Switch metoclopramide injection to the oral route in all cases except when IV, SC or IM are the only appropriate options
- If patient cannot take tablets, consider metoclopramide 1 mg/mL oral solution

The following alternatives* are also currently available:

- Dimenhydrinate (Gravol®)
- Dexamethasone
- Promethazine
- Ondansetron (Zofran®)

*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.

Contact: Site Pharmacy Department for any questions or concerns.

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