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Dear Healthcare Professional,

Shortage of BENPEN benzylpenicillin (as sodium) 3g and 1.2g powder for injection vial

Pro Pharmaceuticals Group recognises the importance of supplying essential medicines in Australia and would like to advise you the change in supply status of BENPEN benzylpenicillin (as sodium) 3g and 1.2g powder for injection vial in Australia.

The Australian registered medicines sponsored by Seqirus Pty Ltd, BENPEN benzylpenicillin (as sodium) 3g powder for injection vial AUST R: 10327 and BENPEN benzylpenicillin (as sodium) 1.2g powder for injection vial AUST R: 10326 are currently in shortage and due to manufacturing issues.

Pro Pharmaceuticals Group has arranged for the supply of an alternative product, **Benzylpenicillin sodium 1200mg powder for injection (Genus Pharmaceuticals)**. This product is NOT registered in Australia and supply is authorised under an exemption granted by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) under section 19A of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 until **September 1st 2022** for the following indication(s):

For the treatment of infections caused by benzylpenicillin sensitive organisms. These include Streptococcus pyogenes and most other Gram-positive organisms. It is also indicated for the treatment of syphilis. BENPEN™ may also be used for the prevention of bacterial endocarditis in dental and upper respiratory tract procedures and prevention of wound infections and sepsis in surgical procedures where Streptococci are the likely pathogens

Benzylpenicillin sodium 1200mg powder for injection (Genus Pharmaceuticals) is registered and marketed in the UK.

Pro Pharmaceuticals Group recommends that healthcare professionals refer to the Australian approved Product Information for recommended dosing for various indications.

Reporting suspected adverse events is important for the continued monitoring of the safety of all medicines. Any adverse events which are experienced with **Benzylpenicillin sodium 1200mg powder for injection (Genus Pharmaceuticals)** must be reported by healthcare professionals, pharmacists, and patients to the TGA at <https://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems> or to Pro Pharmaceuticals Group on 1300077674 or email regulatory@propg.com.au

Any product complaints with **Benzylpenicillin sodium 1200mg powder for injection (Genus Pharmaceuticals)** should be reported to Pro Pharmaceuticals Group on 1300 077674 or email regulatory@propg.com.au

For any orders, please contact Pro Pharmaceuticals Group on 1300077674 or email orders@propg.com.au

Please forward this information to relevant staff members in your organisation.

For further information, please contact Pro Pharmaceuticals Group on 1300077674 or email info@propg.com.au

Sincerely,

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