

31 March 2022

RE: Discontinuation of Min-I-Jet Atropine Sulphate 1mg/10mL injection syringe vial (ARTG 48529) (in April 2015) and alternative supply arrangement under Section 19A of the Therapeutic Goods Act.

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Dear Healthcare Professional,

This notification is sent by LINK to inform your organisation that due to the discontinuation, in 2015, of the Australian registered Min-I-Jet Atropine Sulphate 1mg/10mL injection syringe vial (ARTG 48529), LINK has arranged the supply of an alternative product, ATROPINE SULFATE 1mg/5mL, solution for injection in pre-filled syringe (Laboratoire Aguettant) (5 mL pre-filled syringe in pack sizes of 1 or 10).

This product is registered in the UK and has been supplied, since July 2013, under multiple longstanding approvals granted by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) under Section 19A of the *Therapeutic Goods Act, 1989*. Approval to Link, to supply under section 19A, will be granted until **31 March 2024** for the following indications:

Atropine sulfate Aguettant 0.2 mg/mL, solution for injection in pre-filled syringe is indicated in adults only.

- As a pre-anaesthetic medication to prevent vagal reactions associated with tracheal intubation and surgical manipulation
- To limit the muscarinic effects of neostigmine, when given postsurgically to counteract non-depolarising muscle relaxants
- Treatment of hemodynamically compromising bradycardia and/or atrioventricular block due to excessive vagal tone in emergency situation
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation: to treat symptomatic bradycardia and AV block
- As antidote following overdosage or poisoning with acetylcholinesterase-inhibitors e.g. anticholinesterases, organophosphorus, carbamates and muscarinic mushrooms

Please note the following information regarding the differences between Min-I-Jet Atropine Sulphate 1mg/10mL injection syringe vial (ARTG 48529) and ATROPINE SULFATE 1mg/5mL, solution for injection in pre-filled syringe (Laboratoire Aguettant) to be supplied under Section 19A (referred as the s19A product below):

	Min-I-Jet Atropine Sulphate 1mg/10mL injection syringe vial (ARTG product)	ATROPINE SULFATE 1mg/5mL, solution for injection in pre-filled syringe (Laboratoire Aguettant) (s19A product)
Concentration	1mg/10ml injection	1mg/5ml Injection
Route of	Intravenous	Intravenous
Administration	Intramuscular	Intramuscular
	Subcutaneous	
Excipients	sodium chloride	Sodium chloride



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	sodium citrate citric acid monohydrate.	Concentrated hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment)
	·	Water for injections
Paediatric use	Please refer to the Australian Product Information (PI) for Min-I- Jet Atropine Sulphate 1mg/10mL injection syringe vial (ARTG 48529)	The product is approved for use in adults only.  The pre-filled syringe is not adapted to the administration in paediatric population; the graduation does not permit accurate measurement.
Storage	Store below 25°C. Protect from light.	This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions
Pack size	Carton of 1x10ml syringe	Carton of 1x5ml and 10x5ml syringes

Please refer to the enclosed package insert (UK Summary of Product Characteristics) for ATROPINE SULFATE 1mg/5mL, solution for injection in pre-filled syringe (Laboratoire Aguettant) and the Australian Product Information for Min-I-Jet Atropine Sulphate 1mg/10mL injection syringe vial (ARTG 48529) for usage and safety information. The Australian PI is available at: http://www.tga.gov.au/picmi-search-facility

## **Adverse Event Reporting**

Reporting any suspected adverse event is important for the continued monitoring of the safety of all medicines. Any adverse events which are experienced with ATROPINE SULFATE 1mg/5mL, solution for injection in pre-filled syringe (Laboratoire Aguettant) should be reported by healthcare professionals and patients to Link Healthcare Medical Information. Link Healthcare Medical Information can be contacted by phone on 1800 181 060 or via email at <a href="medinfo@linkhealthcare.com.au">medinfo@linkhealthcare.com.au</a>. This information can also be reported to the TGA at <a href="https://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems">https://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems</a>.

## Link Healthcare Customer Service contact details

Link Healthcare Customer Service can be contacted via phone on 1800 181 060 or via email at <a href="mailto:customerservice@linkhealthcare.com.au">customerservice@linkhealthcare.com.au</a>.

We would appreciate if you could distribute this information to those in your organisation who would be affected by the discontinuation of the Australian registered Atropine sulfate Min-I-Jet.

Yours sincerely,

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