

Methylphenidate supply issue



There is a global shortage of methylphenidate

There may be times you won't be able to get your usual medicine.

Supply of methylphenidate remains fragile. Some products may come back into stock, however, products may only be available temporarily and may go out of stock at short notice.

You may need to talk to your doctor

If your usual medicine is not available, you may need to talk to your doctor.

Your doctor can discuss your treatment options, including whether you should be prescribed a different brand or strength of methylphenidate or a new medicine, like lisdexamfetamine.

Other types of methylphenidate are available, including long-acting, sustained-release, and immediate release options.

You may need to pay for an appointment.

When will methylphenidate be back in stock?

Pharmac expects that the supply issues with methylphenidate will last for all of 2025.

Stay informed

Pharmac has a supply issue webpage which we will update as more information becomes available.

www.pharmac.govt.nz/methylphenidate



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