

Supply issue:

Oestradiol (Estradot) Patches

Supply of all patches is very limited because of global supply issues. Your pharmacist may not be able to fill your prescription.

Supply of patches can change rapidly and varies around the country. We understand how frustrating a supply issue can be.

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What is being done to fix this?

Pharmac and the supplier have been sourcing alternative brands to try to keep up with demand. Unfortunately, we have not always been able to prevent supply gaps

Internationally, suppliers are struggling to scale up production to meet the growth in this market.

Pharmac has recently tendered for a new supplier of patches and called for proposals (RFP) from suppliers for an oestradiol gel.

These two initiatives should provide better supply of patches and a funded alternative treatment.

More information:

See our website for the latest information

www.pharmac.govt.nz/oestradiol

When will the problem be fixed?

We expect this issue to continue through 2024 and likely for some time into 2025.

Neither the tender nor the RFP are quick solutions and will take time to implement.

In the meantime, Pharmac is working closely with many suppliers to find and fund patches.

We are sorry

We can understand your frustration at not being able to access this product consistently.

We are sorry and we are working hard to make patches available.

