

MEMORANDUM

To: All Medical and Nursing Caregivers

From: Anne-Marie Sweett
Deputy Director of Pharmacy

Date: 15th May 2024

Subject: **Product Shortage Update: IV Paracetamol**

Dear All,

Due to the supply shortage of intravenous (IV) paracetamol products in Australia, we have obtained a French branded paracetamol product called **Paracetamol CARELIDE 10mg/mL (1000mg/100mL) solution for infusion**, which we will be distributing to ALL ward imprests shortly. The product label is in French however the name of the medicine and strength is identifiable in English. The package leaflet is in French and English.

Please note that **paracetamol CARELIDE 10mg/mL has a high sodium content** and must be used with caution in patients with renal or heart disease, those with hypernatraemia or paediatric patients.

Prescribers, kindly review patients on a regular basis and de-escalate to oral paracetamol as soon as it is clinically suitable.

If you have a patient that cannot tolerate a high sodium product, or you have a paediatric patient that requires persistent paracetamol IV doses (i.e more than 2 doses), please contact pharmacy for supply of the Australian branded IV paracetamol KABI.

We will continue to update you with supply information as we receive it, but should you have any questions in the interim please don't hesitate to contact a pharmacy representative.