

To:  
All Community Pharmacies

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Dear Colleague

**STANDARDISATION OF THE MOST COMMON LIQUID MEDICINES  
IN PAEDIATRICS: PRODUCTS NOW AVAILABLE FROM VICTORIA  
PHARMACEUTICALS (ORDERED VIA MOVIAN TO NORTHERN  
IRELAND)**

Further to my correspondence in February 2018, I am now in a position to advise in relation to obtaining stock for the paediatric liquid medicines. The agreed formulations are available to [download here](#).<sup>1</sup>

The cost of unlicensed medicines can vary significantly, depending on the supplier used. Whilst a number of suppliers will be able to provide the products listed in the guidance above as the required formulation and strength, Victoria Pharmaceuticals (ordered via Movianto Northern Ireland) will hold stock for access by community pharmacists at a competitive price. Each of these products will have a Victoria Pharmaceuticals tracer label, which means that each batch of an unlicensed product has been through a quality assurance assessment and approval process.

The current prices to community pharmacies are:

1. Melatonin 1mg/ml Oral Solution SF and Alcohol Free (Kidmel) £17.63
2. Omeprazole 10mg/5ml Oral Suspension (Quzole powder and diluent for oral suspension) £28.65
3. Sodium chloride 5mmol/ml Oral Solution (St Mary's) £8.13
4. Spironolactone 25mg/5ml Oral Suspension SF (Birchwood) £37.63

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<sup>1</sup> "Specials" section of the Northern Ireland Formulary  
<http://niformulary.hscni.net/Formulary/Adult/PDF/Specials/Standardisation%20of%20the%20Most%20Common%20Liquid%20Specials%20in%20Paediatrics.pdf>

In purchasing the above products from Movianto (via Victoria Pharmaceuticals), your pharmacy will be ensuring continuity of supply between primary and secondary care, helping to reduce the likelihood of errors occurring due to incorrect dosing/strengths (enhancing patient safety) and helping to ensure that Health and Social Care Northern Ireland secures good value from its expenditure.

Available locally from:

**Movianto Northern Ireland,**  
Sandyknowes Business Park,  
605 Antrim Road,  
BELFAST  
BT36 4RY

Further information in relation to these products and other products which can be purchased at a competitive price from Movianto Northern Ireland (via Victoria Pharmaceuticals) is included in the flyer along with this letter.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



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Enc. Paediatric Specials Flyer