



Medicine Supply Notification

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TO NOTE: This is the third of three MSNs covering discontinuations of Novo Nordisk insulin products (NovoRapid[®] FlexTouch[®], Insulatard[®] Penfill[®] and all Levemir[®] presentations).

Levemir[®] (insulin detemir) FlexPen[®] 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled pens and Levemir[®] Penfill 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml cartridges

Tier 2 – medium impact*

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Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

Summary

- Levemir[®] (insulin detemir) FlexPen[®] 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled pens and Levemir[®] Penfill[®] 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml cartridges are being discontinued; stock is anticipated to be exhausted by the end of 2026.
- Clinical advice on the discontinuation of all Levemir[®] presentations is being produced and will follow in the coming months.

Actions Required

Clinicians should:

- not initiate new patients on any Levemir[®] product;
- not make switches to alternative insulins at this time for existing Levemir[®] patients; and
- be prepared to implement insulin switches for all existing Levemir[®] patients when clinical guidance is issued in the coming months.

Supporting information

Clinical Information

Levemir[®] (insulin detemir) is a long-acting insulin analogue used as a basal insulin, indicated for treatment of diabetes mellitus in adults, adolescents and children aged 1 year and above.

Supply Information

Until assurance is provided in the form of clinical guidance in the coming months, clinicians should not make switches to alternative insulins at this time for existing Levemir[®] patients. This is to ensure that alternative products can support an increase in demand.

Links to further information

[BNF Insulin detemir](#)
[BNF Insulin preparations](#)
[NICE guidance: Type 1 diabetes in adults \(insulin therapy\)](#)

[NICE CKS- Insulin therapy in type 1 diabetes](#)
[NICE CKS- Insulin therapy in type 2 diabetes](#)
[SmPC Levemir[®]](#)

Enquiries

If you have any queries, please contact DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk.

*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>