

Date: 14th May 2024

Dear Doctor,

There is currently an ongoing supply problem with Creon® 10000 capsules and Creon® 25000 capsules (pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy) anticipated until 2026. The Department of Health have issued a Medicine Supply Notification for PERT.

We are advising families to request repeat prescriptions for Creon® slightly earlier than usual to allow time to source stock of Creon® in light of the supply problem. We would appreciate if you could accommodate any early requests for repeat prescriptions of Creon®.

Older children on Creon® 10000, who are good at swallowing tablets, can be prescribed Creon® 25,000 as an alternative if Creon® 10,000 is out of stock. 1 pot of Creon® 25,000 (100 capsules) is equivalent to 2.5 pots of Creon 10,000 (100 capsules).

We are finding that community pharmacies may have stock available of one size of Creon® but not the other, so it may be easier to give details of both sizes on the prescription if this is possible.

We have sent a letter to parents to advise them of how to use both sizes of Creon® to achieve the same dose if this is necessary (2 Creon® 25,000 are equivalent to 5 Creon® 10,000 capsules).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us,

Yours sincerely,

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