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Dear Parents/Carers,

There is currently an ongoing supply problem with Creon® 10000 capsules and Creon® 25000 capsules (pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy) anticipated until 2026. We understand that this is an incredibly frustrating situation and so would like to offer some practical points to support you with obtaining Creon® in the meantime:

- We unfortunately cannot predict stock availability or control stock allocation to community pharmacies and so would advise you to request a repeat prescription for Creon® capsules from your GP surgery earlier than usual. Some GP surgeries or community pharmacies may be able to print the prescription for you so that you have greater flexibility with which community pharmacy you take your prescription to.
- We would encourage you to contact your community pharmacy regularly and ask for them to check availability of Creon® capsules at the wholesalers every 2-3 days.
- There is a Boots pharmacy checker available online that will allow you to check stock availability with Boots.
- Creon® 25,000 – you may be offered this larger size of Creon®, if Creon® 10,000 is unavailable (although prescribers have been asked to prioritise Creon® 10,000 for paediatric patients). Creon® 25,000 is not suitable for those only needing a low dose of Creon®. If you think your child is old enough to swallow the larger capsule (see picture below), the exchange is as follows:

2 Creon® 25,000 = 5 Creon® 10,000

1 Creon® 25,000 = approx. 3 Creon® 10,000

Some older children use Creon® 25,000 for meals and Creon® 10,000 for snacks and small meals.



Creon 10,000 capsules next to Creon 25,000 to illustrate the size difference:



- For patients on Kaftrio®, we may have been talking to you in clinic about trying a slightly lower dose of Creon® or reducing the Creon® to fat ratio (for example from 1 Creon® 10,000 to 5g fat to 1 Creon® to 6g fat). Patients often find they don't need as much Creon® on Kaftrio® but this will be individual.
- We do have a limited supply of Creon® capsules available at the hospital so please do contact us as a last resort, if you are struggling to obtain any Creon® capsules from your local community pharmacy.

Please do be reassured that we are exploring alternative products to Creon® capsules to ensure that patients do not run out of their pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy. Once we have more information available, we will pass this on to you.

Yours sincerely,

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