



Covid-19: Medicines Criticality Group

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No	Action Detail	Owner	By When	Latest Update	Status
1	Monitoring of medicines used in Irish hospitals that may be used to treat Covid 19, to treat secondary infections and as supportive treatments	AHDMP & PCRS	10/03/20	<p>In relation to ICU drugs, interrogating total quantities and rate of bed increase required. Do not expect shortages.</p> <p>Wholesalers have seen increase in demand for certain critical drugs in RPBs- most likely associated with LTCF- HPRA to follow up</p> <p>Wholesalers to send information on movement of critical goods to AHDMP twice weekly on a twice weekly basis initially</p>	Open
2	MAHs to be contacted re availability of investigational therapeutics	AHDMP & PCRS	Ongoing	Mechanism of supply to clinical trials to be considered further	Open
3	HPRA to provide update on status of questionnaire to MAHs	HPRA	Ongoing	No significant issues currently. On the whole, general supply looks ok	Open
4	Securing ICU EMP supplies,	AHDMP	31/03	<p>AHDMP to work on identifying alternative sources.</p> <p>Neuromuscular blockers- alternate supplies sourced but need to ensure use of full range of</p>	Open



				available and suitable therapeutic agents. AHDMP to draft text for PM and CB to approve. Michael Power to be asked to communicate via Critical Care Programme. [RISK MITIGATION OUTLINED BELOW]	
Neuromuscular blocking agents – increased global demand and limited availability					
		Risk Mitigation Strategy	Action Owner		Risk Status
		Support prescribing of the therapeutic class, not just one moiety within the class	Critical Care Programme and Prescribers		Medium
		Centrally engage with MAH holders and suppliers of unlicensed drugs to ensure additional stocks are secured	AHDMP		Medium
		Watching brief by HPRA Medicines Shortages unit and AHDMP to identify early disruptions to supply	AHDMP/HPRA		Medium
		Escalation of European wide supply chain vulnerability to EU Commission	DOH		Medium
5	HSE Modelling data to be shared with group when available	Department of Health	Ongoing	Department of Health to set up further engagement with modelling group to inform ICU requirements	Open
6	PCRS to update Group on mechanism to limit <i>de novo</i> patients on hydroxychloroquine for antiviral purposes	PCRS & AHDMP	Ongoing	PCRS mechanisms in place and reimbursement claims under review	Open
7	MAH to be asked to issue communication to reassure patient groups re HCQ supplies	AHDMP	07/04		Open
8	Azithromycin supplies and appropriate usage	AMRIC/ PCRS		Enough stock based on normal usage. MAHs asked to bring forward orders. M.P. drafting prescribing guidance to issue from HSE MMP via PCRS	Open



				MP to contact Sexual Health Service clinical leads	
9	Paracetamol supplies	All		Only suppositories affected by short terms supply delays. Stocks to be released soon.	Open
10	Parallel exporting	HPRA		Wholesalers have confirmed not supplying commercial accounts. Joint communications to issue from PSI and HPRA reminding RPB WDA holders of their obligations. Exporters following normal rules- continue to be monitored.	Open
11	Immunocompromised patients	HSE National Quality Improvement		MP to update immunosuppressant advice re cocooning to be fed into EAG	Open
12	Circulation list for Prison Service clinicians to be provided to AHDMP	Irish Prison Service	07/04		Open
13	Group to review impact of comms as regards perceived pull on supply chains and changes in messaging	DoH / HPRA	Ongoing	Department of Health to reconvene comms group to update messaging. Department of Health- Lines to take, formulated in response to CION statement to be, agreed w/ industry for weekend	Open
14	If hospital treatments move into community, DoH to be informed for eligibility considerations	AHDMP & PCRS	Ongoing		Open
15	Establishment of a stakeholder forum, to	Department of Health / PSI	31/03	Paused while parallel work is progressed	Open



	operate outside Subgroup meetings				
16	Clinical trials governance	DoH		Department of Health to highlight the need for CT governance to DoH colleagues.	Open