

Novorapid Penfill 3ml Cartridges – Supply Issue

There is currently a supply issue with **NovoRapid Penfill® 3ml cartridges**. Please note there is no difficulty in obtaining any other Novo Nordisk insulin and products. It is hoped that this problem will be resolved in the very near future.

If you require a prescription from your GP for NovoRapid Penfill® 3ml cartridges and there is a problem with supply, there has now been a formal joint communication from Greater Glasgow & Clyde – Central Prescribing Team and the Diabetes Managed Clinical Network advising the following to all Prescribers in Community Care:

For children and young people using **1.0 unit incremental doses** (1.0 unit given for each click) – your pharmacy can switch directly to **NovoRapid Flexpen®** 100units/ml 3ml pre-filled pens. If there is any difficulty please approach your GP practice to alter your prescription.

For children and young people on insulin pump therapy – your pharmacy can switch directly to **NovoRapid Flexpen®** 100units/ml 3ml pre-filled pens. Insulin for pump reservoir/cartridges can be drawn up from Flexpen. If there is any difficulty please approach your GP practice to alter your prescription.

For children and young people using **0.5 unit** incremental doses (0.5 unit given for each click)– please approach your GP practice who will switch your insulin from **NovoRapid Penfill® 3ml cartridges** to another insulin type called **Fiasp® 3ml Penfill cartridges** which will fit into your current insulin pen device.

If training is required on how use a Flexpen® please contact the Children Diabetes Service

If you have had to switch insulin to FiAsp be aware that this should be administered **immediately** before eating.

Please contact the Diabetes Service for advice and if you are seeing any variation in day to day glucose control.

Diabetes Service contact details

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