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Dear Colleagues and Health Care Providers,

It is with a high degree of concern that we report a current shortage of IV pantoprazole in the Canadian market. The two primary market share holders are both experiencing demand related backorders which are anticipated to continue into October 2024.

The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) and the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) are currently working as part of Health Canada's Tier Assignment Committee (TAC) to monitor the shortage. We will provide additional information as it becomes available.

In the meantime, CAG and CSHP are jointly recommending that hospitals and healthcare centres implement conservation strategies to prolong supplies. Strategies can be tailored to the needs of the facility and may include encouraging IV to PO stepdown, restriction of IV pantoprazole therapy, and considering intermittent doses of pantoprazole in place of continuous infusion. The attached reference document provides more detail on these drug shortage management strategies.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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