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**NOTICE: INTERRUPTION IN THE SUPPLY OF MAGNESIUM SULFATE; 50%; INJECTION;
2 ML FROM ADCOCK INGRAM CRITICAL CARE (PTY) LTD**

The Primary Healthcare (PHC), Adult Hospital Level (AHL) and Paediatric Hospital Level Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) and Essential Medicines List (EML) currently recommends the use of magnesium sulfate injection for a number of indications. The latest STGs and EML can be accessed on the National Health Insurance (NHI) webpage on the National Department of Health's (NDoH) website on the following link: <https://www.health.gov.za/nhi-edp-stgs-eml/>. The STGs and EML include the detail around the recommended indications of magnesium sulfate injection, as well as prescribing guidance.

Adcock Ingram Critical Care (Pty) Ltd is the contracted supplier of magnesium sulfate; 50%; injection; 2 ml and the sole registered supplier of this product in South Africa. Due to manufacturing constraints, the available stock is being allocated to provinces as a partial supply to ensure equitable distribution. According to the supplier, supply is expected to stabilise by the end of July 2025.

It is recommended that stock levels be strictly monitored to ensure that the available stock is distributed equitably across facilities and used efficiently.

NDoH is actively investigating alternative measures to ensure continuous supply of this item. Further updates will be provided as details become available.

Provinces and Healthcare facilities are requested to distribute and communicate this information in consultation with the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committees. Kindly share this with all healthcare professionals and relevant stakeholders.

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