

TO: The Chief Pharmacist

7th October 2008

Dear Chief Pharmacist

**RE: SANOFI-AVENTIS IS PLEASED TO ENSURE SUPPLY OF ENOXAPARIN SODIUM
Clexane enoxaparin sodium 40mg/0.4mL injection syringe AUST R 42962, Section s19A, TGA**

As you are aware, patients who are at high risk for developing venous thromboembolism (VTE) benefit from receiving anticoagulant prophylaxis. Over the past several months sanofi-aventis has committed to ensure a continuous supply of Clexane for Australian patients. As part of this commitment, during the months of October and November you **may** receive US labelled 40 mg/0.4 mL brand named **Lovenox**, as an interim substitute for Clexane 40mg pre-filled syringes. Alternately your orders may be filled with Clexane 40mg pre-filled syringe stock.

With new supplies of Clexane arriving over the coming weeks, we anticipate that the period of supply of the US-labelled Lovenox stock should not exceed 12 weeks. These presentations, which have been approved for supply under s19A of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, are not registered in Australia.

US Stock Presentation and Packaging

All aspects of this product, except the presentation and labeling, are identical to the current registered Clexane 40 mg pre-filled syringes. The US pre-filled syringes are designed with an automatic safety device shield. Administration information for the new device is provided in detail on the carton and in the package insert. As a result of this safety mechanism, the overall carton dimensions are larger.

Packaging:

		Clexane 40mg Australian stock	Lovenox 40mg US stock
40mg	Size	75mmx55mmx145mm	169mmx66mmx138mm
	AUST R	42962	N/A
	EAN	9312319039659	300750620405
	Name	Clexane	Lovenox
	SA Code	311523	318683

PBS reimbursement:

The PBAC have agreed to reimburse Lovenox 40mg/0.4mL sc in place of Clexane 40mg/0.4mL sc. Prescriptions should be written in the normal manner, as Clexane 40mg or enoxaparin 40mg with the PBS item codes **85104X** for general scripts (10 and 1 repeat) and **8639Q** Authority script for Haemodialysis (20 and 3 repeats). For reimbursement please follow your normal procedure.

How to Order New Formulations:

Clexane 40mg/mL should be ordered in the normal manner, through your hospital wholesalers. **If you have any issues re supply please contact sanofi-aventis Customer Service on 1800-640-791.** THE SANOFI-AVENTIS CODE is 318683

If you have any queries regarding stock of Clexane, please to your local sanofi-aventis Key Account Manager, who will be able to discuss the availability. Sanofi-aventis is committed to working with you and assisting with your hospital's educational needs regarding these products as required.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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