

## Dantrolene, Oral

Par Sterile Products, LLC is the sole supplier of dantrolene in Canada.<sup>1</sup>

DIN	Company	Product	Active Ingredient	Strength
01997602	PAR STERILE PRODUCTS, LLC	DANTRIUM CAPSULES	Dantrolene sodium	25 MG
01997653	PAR STERILE PRODUCTS, LLC	DANTRIUM CAPSULES	Dantrolene sodium	100 MG

### Indications<sup>2</sup>:

1. Chronic spasticity of skeletal muscle associated with spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, and stroke.
2. Pre-operative prophylaxis of malignant hyperthermia-susceptible surgical patients.
3. Post-crisis follow-up management of patients stabilized with the intravenous product.

### Options for managing shortage of oral dantrolene:

#### Other forms of dantrolene:

- Parenteral product is available.<sup>3</sup> May be suitable option for indications 2 & 3.
- Extemporaneous compounding: capsules can be compounded using dantrolene powder available from bulk chemical suppliers such as Medisca.<sup>4</sup>

### Therapeutic Alternatives<sup>5,6,7</sup>:

Indication	Alternative	Comments
<b>Spasticity – spinal cord injury</b>	First line - baclofen, tizanidine, diazepam Second line - clonidine, gabapentin, cannabinoids, cyproheptadine	Assess rationale for treatment - relative benefit of oral medications for this indication has not been established
<b>Spasticity - cerebral palsy</b>	Botulinum toxin Benzodiazepines (eg diazepam), baclofen	Weak evidence only for efficacy of oral antispasmodics. Less effective than Botox for this indication
<b>Spasticity - multiple sclerosis</b>	First line - baclofen, gabapentin Second line – tizanidine, cannabinoids, botulinum toxin	Limited evidence of efficacy
<b>Spasticity – post-stroke</b>	Botulinum toxin for upper limbs Baclofen, tizanidine	Best evidence is for botulinum toxin treatment of upper limb spasticity.

More study is needed on the use of others agents for post-stroke spasticity.  
Avoid benzodiazepines – may interfere with recovery

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