

Specialty Infant Formula Shortage – Imported Supply

As we continue to work through the specialty infant formulas shortage (i.e., extensively hydrolyzed and amino acid-based products), Health Canada has worked with other countries to import additional supply.

All imported supply is being directed to McKesson. McKesson recently circulated a list of imported products that are currently available for order.

Supplier	McKesson Item #	Type	Product
Mead Johnson	172921	Extensively Hydrolyzed	NUTRAMIGEN A+ CONCENT US 384 ML
Abbott	173221	Extensively Hydrolyzed	SIMILAC ALIMENTUM 946ML
Nestle	173373	Extensively Hydrolyzed	GERBER EXTENSIVE HA PD 400G
Nestle	173933	Extensively Hydrolyzed	NESTL ALTHERA ACS015 400G UK
Nutricia (to be available shortly)	174685	Extensively Hydrolyzed	APTAMIL PRO PEPT INF 400G PT
Nestle	173926	Amino acid	NEST ALFAMINO ACS019 400G UK

Canadian supply of extensively hydrolyzed products (i.e., Nutramigen A powder, Nutramigen A+ LGG powder) and amino acid products (i.e., Neocate Infant DHA & AHA, Puramino) is available through McKesson and through Shoppers Drug Mart distribution centers for select products. However, due to the supply constraints of the Canadian products, families may need to be switched to one of the imported products above.

Registered dietitian expertise is available to help families navigate through these changes in formulations. If you are unsure how to refer patients or connect patients with a registered dietitian in your area, please contact Jacqui Hodge at 306-766-8637 or jacqui.hodge@saskhealthauthority.ca.

Information on the imported products can be located in the *Drug Shortages and Discontinuations -> Formula, Infant* area of the medSask website: <https://medsask.usask.ca/professional-practice/drug-shortages.php> and the Canadian Pharmacists Association website: <https://www.pharmacists.ca/news-events/news/hypoallergenic-infant-formula-shortage-information-for-pharmacy-professionals>

Non-Insured Health Benefits and Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch's Therapeutic Nutritional Products Program (TNPP) will be adding these imported products to their list of eligible products as they become available.

- TNPP will apply a client's current coverage to an approved alternative if a substitution is required due to the shortage. A reassessment of program coverage may be requested based on the cost of the alternative.

Although supply of these products has improved, it is still recommended that pharmacists order on an as-needed basis, keep supply behind the counter and limit the amount provided to each patient to a 7-10 day supply, to ensure broad access to products until the supply constraints have been resolved.

Thank you for your ongoing support related to the specialty infant formula shortage.