

Drug Shortages: Glucagon Injection

Health Canada has approved the temporary importation of a limited supply of US-labelled Glucagon Emergency Kit for Low Blood Sugar (Glucagon for Injection) by Amphastar, to help alleviate the current shortage of this medication.

IMPORTANT - Amphastar's US-labelled Glucagon for Injection is NOT considered equivalent to Eli Lilly's Canadian marketed Glucagon (DIN 02243297). Please follow the US-labelling when using Amphastar's Glucagon for Injection. [glucagon-10-19.pdf \(amphastar.com\)](https://www.amphastar.com/glu-10-19.pdf)

Effective January 17, 2024, US-labelled Glucagon for Injection will be listed temporarily as a **non-interchangeable full Formulary benefit**. The Amphastar US-labelled Glucagon for Injection is now available for ordering.

PseudoDIN	Strength	Product Name	Dosage Form
09858279	1mg vial	US-labelled Glucagon for Injection	Injection

Information about the US-labelled Glucagon for Injection for healthcare professionals is available on the medSask website at <https://medsask.usask.ca/professional-practice/drug-shortages>.

What will individuals pay for the US-labelled Glucagon for Injection? Individuals will pay according to their usual coverage, deductible and/or copayment.

Can I dispense the US-labelled Glucagon for Injection instead of the existing products listed on the Formulary? Pharmacies should continue to dispense the approved Health Canada products listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary if they are available. However, if Canadian products are not available, Health Canada has temporarily approved the US-labelled Glucagon for Injection for use in Canada.

- If the prescription authorizes the dispensing of a particular strength and dosage of glucagon without specifying a specific brand or product name, then a pharmacist may dispense the US-labelled Glucagon for Injection.
- Because this product is non-interchangeable, if a prescription directs the dispensing specific brand of glucagon (e.g., Eli Lilly's Glucagon), a new prescription would be required to dispense US-labelled Glucagon for Injection

Who to Call: If you have any questions or issues with submitting claims for adjudication, call:

- DPEBB at 306-787-3317 (Regina) or 1-800-667-7581