



# Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2020/041

Metronidazole (Acea®) 0.75% gel (Ferndale Pharmaceuticals)

Tier 2 – medium impact\*

Date of issue: 17/07/2020

## Summary

- Acea® 0.75% gel is out of stock until September 2020.
- Metrogel® 0.75% gel and Rozex® 0.75% gel remain available.

## Actions Required

Where the patient has insufficient supplies to last until the resupply date clinicians should:

- consider prescribing metronidazole 0.75% gel generically so pharmacies can supply an equivalent preparation of an alternative product; and
- counsel patients on the use of the alternative product at the point of dispensing.

## Supporting Information

- UKMi in consultation with dermatology specialists have advised that metronidazole 0.75% gel products (licensed for the treatment of acute inflammatory exacerbations of rosacea) are interchangeable and are all licensed for twice daily application.
- Patients should be counselled by the pharmacist on any changes to the patient's normal brand to avoid medication errors.
- See SPCs below for further information:
  - [Metrogel® 0.75% gel](#)
  - [Rozex® 0.75% gel](#)
  - [Acea® 0.75% gel](#)

## Enquiries

If you have any queries, please contact [DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk)

\*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>