

Memo: Lisinopril and captopril oral liquids temporarily unavailable

To: SEL boroughs

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The following oral liquid medicines are temporarily unavailable for the foreseeable future:

- Lisinopril 5mg in 5mL oral solution sugar free
- Captopril 25mg in 5mL oral solution sugar free

Available alternative formulations:

- Lisinopril tablets are available in the following strengths: 2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg and 20mg. The tablets may be halved, quartered, or crushed and dispersed in water for administration.
- There is alternative strength of captopril liquid available: **5mg in 5mL**. Please note that this strength is **5 times weaker**.
- Captopril tablets are available in the following strengths: 12.5mg and 25mg. The tablets may be halved, quartered, or crushed and dispersed in water for administration.

When switching to a different liquid strength, please ensure that patients/parents/carers are aware of the change and ensure they know the number of millilitres and milligrams to give for each dose.

When switching from a liquid to a tablet formulation, please ensure that the patients/parents/carers understand how to administer the dose.

**Please check the SEL Paediatric Formulary
or contact the **SEL Formulary Interface Pharmacist Sheatha Abumehdi**
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