

Medicines Supply Shortage Bulletin

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This Medicines Supply Shortage Bulletin is produced by the Pharmacy Department and the Medicines Management and Therapeutics Committee to provide advice on alternatives to use during National Supply Shortages. The information contained in this bulletin is based on advice from local experts, and applies only to those indications listed. For advice on other indications, please consult Pharmacy Medicines Information on extension 21505.

Slo-Phyllin® (theophylline) capsules discontinued

Please be aware that Slo-Phyllin® 60mg, 125mg and 250mg capsules have been discontinued due to manufacturing issues.

Adult patients:

All healthcare professionals in primary, secondary or specialist healthcare services who prescribe theophylline preparations, should:

- review patients to determine if theophylline is still required as it may be of minimal benefit for that patient and has a significant side effect profile;
- review patients on Slo-Phyllin® preparations and switch to aminophylline tablets (Phyllocontin Continus®/Forte Continus®). When switching patients from theophylline to aminophylline the dose will need to be converted. **(225mg aminophylline = 180mg theophylline)**

More information on aminophylline (Phyllocontin®) can be found in [the SmPC here](#) and the usual adult dose is 225mg twice daily which may be titrated to a higher dose if required.

Paediatric patients:

Children on Slo-Phyllin should have their treatment reviewed, and prescribers should liaise with the paediatric respiratory consultants who will provide recommendations on the best alternative treatment options.

If any further guidance is required please contact pharmacy on 21502.