

Clenil Modulite® prescribing advice due to supply issues

We have been advised that there is currently a supply issue with Clenil Modulite 100®. The manufacturer of Clenil Modulite has informed us that other strengths of Clenil Modulite® are available. Nationally there are not any manufacturer shortages. Stock is available but there is a delay in the delivery in the supply chain. The deliveries can't meet the current increased demand. This will hopefully only be a temporary situation.

Recommendations:

- **Please first review whether a new inhaler is needed immediately.** The usual dose of Clenil Modulite 100® inhaler is 2 puffs twice daily. There are 200 doses per inhaler and so 1 inhaler at this usual dose will last 50 days (7 weeks). Do not supply requests earlier than a week in advance.
- For patients requiring immediate supply of their Clenil Modulite® inhaler, an alternative branded generic is Soprobec®. It is equivalent to Clenil Modulite® in licensing and dosage. Refer to the summary of product characteristics for full prescribing information:
<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/search?q=soprobec>
- Soprobec® has also seen a large number of requests for stock but we have been informed from the manufacturer that it is currently available through all the major wholesalers. There may be delays if a particular wholesaler depot runs out and they are awaiting delivery or awaiting stock to be booked in. Please let local community pharmacies know if you decide to use Soprobec® regularly.
- For patients over 5 years old requiring immediate supply of their Clenil Modulite 100® or Clenil Modulite 200® inhaler, where Soprobec® is also temporarily not available, consider a switch to QVAR. **QVAR® is only licensed for children over 5 years of age and adults.** Refer to the summary of product characteristics for full prescribing information:
<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/search?q=qvar>
- QVAR® has extra-fine particles and is more potent than traditional beclometasone dipropionate CFC-containing inhalers and is approximately twice as potent as Clenil Modulite® - refer to the table below for equivalent doses between inhalers. Where a spacer is considered necessary for specific patient needs, Qvar Aerosol can be used with AeroChamber Plus™ holding chamber, as the extra fine particle fraction is maintained.

Table showing equivalent doses of QVAR® to Clenil Modulite®

Original	Dose	Equivalent	Dose
Clenil Modulite 50®	2 puffs twice daily	None	
Clenil Modulite 100®	2 puffs twice daily	QVAR 50®	2 puffs twice daily
Clenil Modulite 200®	2 puffs twice daily	QVAR 100®	2 puffs twice daily
Clenil Modulite 250®	2 puffs twice daily	Secondary Care initiated – seek advice	