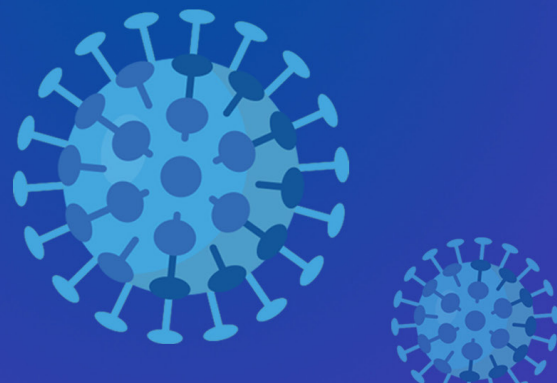


Guidelines to optimise supply and avoid medicines shortages



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1 Showing solidarity

- Lifting export bans and restrictions
- Avoiding national stockpiling
- Avoiding that misinformation leads to improper use and unnecessary stockpiling

2 Ensuring supply

- Increasing and reorganising production
- Ensuring manufacturing continues at full capacity
- Implementing regulatory flexibility
- Monitoring available stocks at national level
- Ensuring necessary support to the wholesale sector
- Fully enforcing the green lanes
- Facilitating air freight and other forms of transport
- Ensuring fair distribution of supply



3 Optimal use of medicines in hospitals

- Equitable distribution of available medicines
- Exchanging hospital protocols to treat patients
- Considering alternative medicines on the basis of hospital protocols and national guidelines
- Extending the expiry dates of medicines
- Considering the use of magistral preparations or veterinary medicines
- Encouraging clinical trials for medicines used off label



4 Optimisation of sales in community pharmacies to avoid hoarding

- Introducing measures to reassure persons reliant on medication
- Introducing restrictions on sales in community pharmacies
- Limiting online sales of products at risk

