

# PRODUCT UNAVAILABLE



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TO: All Hospice Pharmacia Partner Hospices

RE: **Product Unavailable**

## PRODUCT NOTIFICATION:

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| <b>Product/Manufacturer</b>    | <b>Choline magnesium trisalicylate 500mg/5mL Solution (various manufacturers)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Indication(s):</b>          | To treat fever, mild pain and moderate pain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Reason(s):</b>              | HP is having increased difficulty obtaining this product from various manufacturers and wholesalers; the reason is unknown. HP has also received reports that local pharmacies are having difficulty obtaining this product.                                                       |
| <b>MUGs® Alternative(s):</b>   | <b>NSAIDS</b> – ibuprofen, naproxen<br><b>Steroids</b> - dexamethasone, methylprednisolone, prednisone                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Per diem status:</b>        | Included in the per diem                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Additional Information:</b> | Please assess the patient to determine the <i>type of pain</i> and recommend alternatives where appropriate. The provided medications may be available in either suspension or tablet formulation. Please consult with your HP Pharmacist for additional therapeutic alternatives. |

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