



2022 projects and issues

Optimization of management of Medicines Shortages – hospital pharmacists still involved

Working Group of the Federal Agency for medicines and health products (famhp) together with the National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (NIHDI), (hospital)pharmacists, pharmaceutical industry, wholesalers, representatives of Minister of Economic Affairs and Minister of Public Health : Well established working group that has implemented the following :

- **New definition of shortage :**
When there is a fail to deliver the ordered quantity within 3 days
- **PharmaStatus in development:**
with alternatives, commercialisation, history, direct communication with pharmaceutical company



Amoxiclav Sandoz 1000 mg - 200 mg inj./inf. sol. (pwr.) i.v. vial 10 (1000 mg - 200 mg)



Temporarily unavailable

30 March 2022

30 May 2022

1 or 2 alternatives available

- **New perspectives :**
 - **Focus on preventive measures**
 - Several national task forces for critical shortages (rifampicine, IVIg,...)
 - Royal Decree on drug substitution in case of a shortage : substitution is made easier for pharmacists under specific circumstances
 - Royal Decree on export : drugs that are initially produced for belgian market cannot be exported when there is a shortage
 - Stock monitoring tool : 1-year pilot with strong collaboration from hospital pharmacists to develop a tool that is meant to detect future shortages and implement actions to avoid them

OPAT* : From pilots to implementation in all belgian hospitals

- Trigger: 2015 Study from KCE*
- 2017 : Start of pilot projects
 - 6 national wide
 - Conclusive results
- *Discussion for funding of OPAT activities in all hospitals*
 - Involvement of BAHP*, BAPCOC*, NIHDI
 - Statements regarding OPAT and role of the hospital pharmacist



*OPAT: Outpatient Antibiotic Therapy

*KCE: Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre; publicly funded, non-commercial, practice-oriented clinical trials

*BAHP: Belgian Association of Hospital Pharmacists

*BAPCOC: Belgian Antibiotic Policy Coordination Committee