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Agenda — Medicine Shortages (SPOC) Working Party

18 February 2025, from 09:30 to 13:30 (CET), Webex

Chair: Monica Dias (EMA), Vice-Chair: Magdalena Rychter (GIF, Poland)

Item	Topic
1.	Welcome, declaration of interest, adoption of draft agenda
2.	Adoption of draft minutes of the SPOC WP meeting held on 21 January 2025
3.	Potential impact of the international situation on the supply of medicinal products for human and veterinary use to the European market:
	a) Availability of antibiotics – preparedness for autumn/winter 2024-2025
	b) Availability of perfusion solutions following hurricane Helene
	c) Oral status update on availability of human and veterinary medicines in MSs (only for new emerging information)
4.	Critical shortages escalated to the SPOC Working Party:
4.1	Ongoing shortages
	a) Medicinal products containing quetiapine: - Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism (VSM): Presentation of the ongoing VSM procedure - status update on supply and availability of quetiapine
	b) Pegasys CAP (peginterferon alfa-2a) – MAH: Pharmaand GmbH
	c) Menopur NAP (menotropin) – MAH: Ferring
	d) Medicinal products from MAH: Cheplapharm
	e) Glucagon-like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Receptor Agonists
	f) Insulin containing medicinal products
	g) Zinplava CAP (bezlotoxumab) – MAH: Merck Sharp & Dohme B.V.

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4.2	Status update on other critical shortages escalated to the SPOC WP (only comments to the written updates)
	a) Oncology medicinal products from Accord Healthcare B.V. and Teva b) NovoSeven CAP (eptacog alfa) – MAH: Novo Nordisk c) Medicinal products containing salbutamol (inhalation use) d) Ecalta CAP (anidulafungin) and Zirabev CAP (bevacizumab) – MAH: Pfizer
5.	EC DG HERA update
6.	Joint Action on shortages (CHESSMEN) Work Package 8 – SPOC WP survey and implementation plan of the most effective preventive and mitigating measures
7.	Global Regulatory Working Group on Drug Shortages : focus areas for EMA Chairmanship in 2025
8.	AOB
9.	Conclusions and next steps

Next meeting: 18 March (Webex)

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