



Shortage of Enbrel (etanercept) Pre-filled pen and pre-filled syringe

Indication	Enbrel is an anti-inflammatory medicine. It is used to treat certain arthritic diseases and psoriasis in adults and children.
Reason for shortage	Supply disruptions for Enbrel due to capacity constraints at the packaging facility occurred in some EU Member States between February and April 2014. The issue has now been addressed by the company and the shortage is therefore resolved.
Member States affected¹	Temporary supply disruptions occurred in some EU Member States where Enbrel is available.
Information to healthcare professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal supply of Enbrel (25 mg prefilled syringe, 50 mg prefilled syringe and/or 50 mg prefilled pen) has now resumed.• Adequate training and support should be provided for patients who may need to change back to the prefilled pen or prefilled syringe, if they had been prescribed alternative product types (prefilled pen, prefilled syringe, lyophilised powder for injection) or dosage-strengths, or if the frequency of administration was changed during the shortage.• Additional advice may be available from the national competent authority.• Healthcare professionals may also contact the European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR).
Information to patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Problems with the supply of prefilled pens and syringes of Enbrel are now resolved.• Enbrel prefilled pens and syringes may be prescribed again by your doctor.• Detailed instructions on how to use each form of Enbrel can be found in the package leaflet (which comes with the medicine).• If you have any questions, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.• Additional advice may be available from the national

¹ This information may change. For accurate information about the status of a medicine shortage in a particular Member State the national competent authority should be contacted.



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Shortage resolved