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Shortage of Vfend (voriconazole) 200 mg powder for solution for infusion

Indication	<p>Vfend is used for the treatment of adults and children over the age of two years who have the following fungal infections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• invasive aspergillosis (a type of fungal infection due to <i>Aspergillus</i>);• candidaemia (another type of fungal infection due to <i>Candida</i>) in patients with a normal white blood cell count;• serious invasive <i>Candida</i> infections when the fungus is resistant to fluconazole (another antifungal medicine);• serious fungal infections caused by <i>Scedosporium</i> or <i>Fusarium</i> (two different types of fungi).
Reason for shortage	<p>An increase in the demand for Vfend 200 mg powder for solution for infusion has led to a shortage of this presentation in some EU countries.</p>
Member States affected¹	<p>Shortages are affecting Bulgaria, Ireland and Portugal</p>
Information for healthcare professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An increase in the demand for Vfend 200 mg powder for infusion has led to a shortage of this presentation in Bulgaria, Ireland and Portugal.• Healthcare professionals may need to use alternative treatments when intravenous voriconazole is not available. Alternative treatments may include oral voriconazole, liposomal amphotericin B, other amphotericin B formulations, anidulafungin, caspofungin, micafungin, fluconazole, itraconazole, posaconazole and isavuconazole.• Additional advice may be available from the competent authority in your country.• healthcare professionals will receive a letter regarding this issue. The letter (DHPC) is also available on EMA's website.

¹ This information may change. For up-to-date information about the status of a medicine shortage in a particular Member State, contact the national competent authority.



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Information for patients

- An increase in the demand for Vfend 200 mg powder for infusion (for making up a drip into a vein) has led to a shortage of this presentation in Bulgaria, Ireland and Portugal.
- If you live in Bulgaria, Ireland or Portugal and require treatment for a fungal infection, your doctor may need to prescribe an appropriate alternative treatment.
- Vfend to be taken by mouth is not affected.
- If you have any questions, you should speak to your doctor or pharmacist.
- Additional advice may be available from the [competent authority](#) in your country.

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