



Vistide (cidofovir) solution for infusion	
Indication	Vistide is used to treat cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis, a viral infection of the retina. Vistide is used in patients with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) who do not have kidney disease.
Reason for shortage	<p>In February 2013, during routine packaging, floating particles were observed in a batch of Vistide (batch B120217). The batch, which had been distributed to Germany, Italy and Spain, was recalled.</p> <p>There were no concerns over the quality or safety of batches of Vistide that remained on the market. However, as the production of Vistide was halted while an investigation was carried out, a shortage followed affecting all European Union (EU) Member States where the product had previously been available.</p> <p>Information issued previously by the EMA on the supply situation for Vistide can be found here.</p>
Member States affected¹	All EU Member States where Vistide was available.
Information to healthcare professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A letter from the marketing authorisation holder was sent out to healthcare professionals in February 2013.• During the shortage, doctors should prescribe alternative treatments.• Additional advice may be available from the national competent authority.• Healthcare professionals may also contact the European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS).
Information to patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the shortage, Vistide will not be available and doctors may have to prescribe alternative treatment for each patient.• Patients who have any questions should speak to their doctor or pharmacist.• Additional advice may be available from the national competent authority.• Patients may also contact the European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG).
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¹ The supply situation in member states may change. For the most up-to-date information about the status of a shortage in a particular member state, please contact the relevant national competent authority.

