



# Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2025/036

**TO NOTE:** This is the third of three MSNs covering discontinuations of Novo Nordisk insulin products (NovoRapid<sup>®</sup> FlexTouch<sup>®</sup>, Insulatard<sup>®</sup> Penfill<sup>®</sup> and all Levemir<sup>®</sup> presentations).

## **Levemir<sup>®</sup> (insulin detemir) FlexPen<sup>®</sup> 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled pens and Levemir<sup>®</sup> Penfill 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml cartridges**

Tier 2 – medium impact\*

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Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

### Summary

- Levemir<sup>®</sup> (insulin detemir) FlexPen<sup>®</sup> 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled pens and Levemir<sup>®</sup> Penfill<sup>®</sup> 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml cartridges are being discontinued; stock is anticipated to be exhausted by the end of 2026.
- Clinical advice on the discontinuation of all Levemir<sup>®</sup> presentations is being produced and will follow in the coming months.

### Actions Required

Clinicians should:

- not initiate new patients on any Levemir<sup>®</sup> product;
- not make switches to alternative insulins at this time for existing Levemir<sup>®</sup> patients; and
- be prepared to implement insulin switches for all existing Levemir<sup>®</sup> patients when clinical guidance is issued in the coming months.

### Supporting information

#### Clinical Information

Levemir<sup>®</sup> (insulin detemir) is a long-acting insulin analogue used as a basal insulin, indicated for treatment of diabetes mellitus in adults, adolescents and children aged 1 year and above.

#### Supply Information

Until assurance is provided in the form of clinical guidance in the coming months, clinicians should not make switches to alternative insulins at this time for existing Levemir<sup>®</sup> patients. This is to ensure that alternative products can support an increase in demand.

#### Links to further information

[BNF Insulin detemir](#)  
[BNF Insulin preparations](#)  
[NICE guidance: Type 1 diabetes in adults \(insulin therapy\)](#)

[NICE CKS- Insulin therapy in type 1 diabetes](#)  
[NICE CKS- Insulin therapy in type 2 diabetes](#)  
[SmPC Levemir<sup>®</sup>](#)

### Enquiries

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\*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>