

Infant Formula Shortage Posting

Important news and alerts about infant formula products



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For distribution by:

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Information for:

Physicians

Public Health Nurses

Registered Dietitians

Post this notice in your area and ensure all staff is informed about the change.

Shortage of extensively hydrolyzed and amino acid-based infant formula

The Issue

The February 2022 recall of Abbott Similac® Alimentum® has put a demand on all extensively hydrolyzed formulas (EHF) available in Canada including those not involved in the recall. EHF's are indicated for infants with allergies and amino acid-based (AA) formulas are used when more complex allergies or gastrointestinal (GI) intolerances exist.

Key Changes

- EHF's experiencing shortages in Canada (as of May 2022) include: Similac® Alimentum®, Pregestimil® A+®, and Nutramigen® A+® powdered products for community use.
- Hospital supply, at historical volumes, of Nutramigen® A+® powder and ready-to-feed (RTF) nursettes, Pregestimil A+ RTF nursettes, and Puramino A+ are currently available.
- Health Canada has also asked CFIA to approve allowing specific formulas to be imported into Canada until December 2022. This is outlined in their [interim policy](#). Some formulas including Nutramigen® A+® liquid concentrate and Similac® Alimentum® with 2'-FL are expected to be available in stores June 2022.

Action

- Extensively hydrolyzed formulas (EHF) or amino acid-based (AA) formulas should be prescribed only for infants with a specific indication (allergy or severe GI intolerance).
- For infant with Cow's Milk Protein Allergy, Soy infant formulas may be considered for therapeutic use after 6 months of age if a tolerance to soy protein has been established under physician guidance. See: [Nutrition Guideline: Healthy Infants and Young Children Plant-Based Beverages](#)
- For infants with mild GI intolerance prescribers should consider if a partially hydrolyzed formula (i.e., Similac Total Comfort™, Nestle® Good Start® Plus 1, Enfamil A+ Gentlease®) could meet their patient's needs.
- For toddlers over 12 months of age requiring an EHF or AA formula consider transitioning to Vivonex® Pediatric or Neocate® Junior.

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