



## **Statement on sodium valproate, valproic acid and valproate semisodium stock levels**

Sanofi can confirm that a supply of valproate (Epilim▼ (sodium valproate), Epilim Chrono▼ (sodium valproate and valproic acid) and Depakote▼ (valproate semisodium)) is available in the UK. Any patients who have concerns regarding stock information should contact their pharmacist who can contact their supplier to check stock availability in their area. If pharmacists have additional enquiries, they can contact Sanofi Customer Services on 0800 854 430 so that we can assist and help resolve the issue.

Sanofi has experienced a significant disruption to the production of valproate due to ongoing strike action at our manufacturing plant in France where valproate is made.

These issues have led to shortages of valproate semisodium over December 2019 and we anticipate that ongoing issues may result in some shortages across the valproate range in the coming months. Sanofi produce 17 different valproate-based treatments in a range of formulations, including tablets of different strengths and coatings through to granules and liquid preparations. Where a particular presentation is not available, patients are advised to refer to their treating doctor who may suggest an appropriate alternate treatment. The choice of alternative treatment should be made by the patient and healthcare professional together, considering the patient's condition and the suitability of available alternatives.

Sanofi is managing the situation carefully and working with the global supply chain to ensure continued supply of valproate across all markets, including the UK. We are keeping the Government apprised of the situation and the actions taken to mitigate any impact to patients in the UK.

### **Reporting side effects**

▼This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. Patients can help by reporting any side effects they may get.

If patients get any side effects, they should talk to their doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet.

Patients can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard) or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

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