


Importation of Cyprus-labelled Moxilen (Amoxicillin) 250 mg/5mL suspension due to shortage of antibiotic oral suspensions in Canada

Due to the Tier 3 shortages of antibiotic **oral suspensions** in Canada, Health Canada has allowed the importation of Medochemie Ltd., distributed by Juno Pharmaceuticals, Cyprus-labelled **Moxilen (Amoxicillin) Forte 250 mg/5 mL Oral Suspension**. This medication has been added to Health Canada's List of Drugs for Exceptional Importation and Sale in Canada.

Please note: A temporary Product Identification Number (PIN) has been assigned to **Moxilen Forte 250 mg/5 mL Oral Suspension (PIN 09858237)** effective as of **January 23, 2023**. **This product will be available for order shortly.**

Cyprus-labelled **Moxilen Forte 250 mg/5 mL Oral Suspension**, manufactured by Medochemie Ltd., contains the same concentration, *active* ingredient, dosage and route of administration as the Canadian-labelled amoxicillin products that were authorized and marketed for sale in Canada. However, the products differ with respect to packaging, inactive ingredients, reconstitution directions and expiration date (once reconstituted).

The key differences between the imported and Canadian-authorized product are noted below:

- **Differences in *inactive* ingredients.**
- **Preparation instructions:**
 - **Fill the bottle with water to just *below* the mark on the bottle label.** The mark is identified by an arrow in English text:
fill up to here

 - Place the cap back on the bottle, and invert and shake well to obtain a uniform suspension. Then **top up** with water **to the mark**, replace the cap, invert and shake again.
- **Storage of reconstituted product solution:**
 - Stable for up to 7 days when stored in dry place at temperature not exceeding 25 °C; or
 - Stable for up to 15 days when stored under refrigeration at between 2°C – 8°C
- The imported product has a raspberry flavour as opposed to the domestic product, which is banana flavoured.

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Pharmacists and other health care professionals are reminded of the following:

- The Cyprus-labelled **Moxilen Forte 250 mg/5 mL Oral Suspension** is labelled in English only. The French translated text of the Cyprus-Label is available on Juno Pharmaceutical's website at www.junopharma.ca
- For additional information about the imported Cyprus-labelled **Moxilen Forte 250 mg/5 mL Oral Suspension** product, consult Juno Pharmaceuticals Risk Communication Letter at www.junopharma.ca
- **Note:** per the referenced Risk Communication Letter, Juno Pharmaceuticals has advised that aspects of the inner and outer labels and packaging of the imported product differ from marketed domestic amoxicillin 250 mg/5 mL oral suspension products in Canada, and **proper selection of the intended product must be verified to avoid confusion with other products.**
- Consult the Canadian Product Monograph for Indications, Contraindications, Serious Warnings and Precautions for amoxicillin 250 mg/5 mL suspensions: [Drug Product Database online query \(canada.ca\)](http://www.drugproductdatabase.ca)

Temporary Benefit added to the Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)

Due to the unavailability of antibiotic oral suspensions in Canada, Cyprus-Labelled **Moxilen Forte 250 mg/5 mL Oral Suspension (Temporary PIN 09858237)** will be considered as temporary benefits for the ADBL.

DIN/NPN	Product Description
09858237	Moxilen Forte 250 mg/5 mL Oral Suspension

As of **January 23, 2023**, all claims will be adjudicated to the price of **\$0.0810 per mL**.

Alberta Blue Cross will continue to monitor the availability of the shorted antibiotic products and potential alternatives, in addition to working with other provinces and territories, manufacturers and Health Canada to address this shortage and minimize the impact on Albertans.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

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1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

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FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

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