

SUTURES

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Pharmacy Updates

Multivitamin and Multi-Trace Metals Injection Shortage-RESOLVED

Please note that we have been able to secure a sufficient amount of both **Infuvite Adult Injectable MVIs** (this formulation contains small amounts of Vitamin K-150mcg/10ml) and **Adult Multi-Trace Metals (MTE-4)**. Therefore, we are considering these shortages to be resolved at this time. As of 5/23/11

1. All ***new*** orders for TPNs and/or banana bags containing injectable MVI's or MTE's will be processed as written.
2. For existing adult TPN orders, please write a new TPN order if it is medically necessary for the patient to receive injectable MVI and or MTE
3. Please also discontinue existing orders for oral MVI if applicable.

Unfortunately, selenium continues to be on shortage at this time. Thank you very much for your continued support and understanding throughout this shortage period.

Prochlorperazine 10mg/2ml Injection Vial Shortage

Please note that we are once again experiencing an acute shortage of prochlorperazine (Compazine®) 10mg/2ml injection vials (this shortage was last addressed in January 2010). Our current supply of this medication is critically low and the sole drug manufacturer cannot provide us with a release date at this time. Therefore, on **5/27/11**, the following P&T approved automatic substitution for all ***new*** prochlorperazine injection orders was re-implemented :

Medication Order
Prochlorperazine inj. 5 or 10mg
frequency

Automatic Substitution
Ondansetron (Zofran®) 4mg IV, same
frequency

Presenter: Mehrnoosh Saghizadeh Ghiam

Adenovirus-mediated Gene Therapy Normalizes Limbal Stem Cells Marker Expression in Diabetic Organ-Cultured Human Corneas

Mehrnoosh Saghizadeh, Siavash Soleymani, Angel Harounian, Bhavik Bhakta, Alexander V. Ljubimov

Presenter: Yelena Bykhovskaya

Variation in HGF/SF (Hepatocyte Growth Factor/Scatter Factor) Gene is Associated with Keratoconus in the Caucasian population

Y. Bykhovskaya, X. Li, A. Kramerov, D. Siscovick, K. Taylor, E. Mengesha, T. Haritunians, G. Tang, J. Rotter, Y. Rabinowitz

National Presentations

Dr. Miguel Burch presented "*Endoluminal Surgery for Reflux - Summary of Recently Published Results*" at the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic AGES 2011, Surgical Spring Week, Scientific Session and Postgraduate Courses, March 30 – April 2, 2011 in San Antonio, TX.

Dr. Shirin Towfigh presented "*Inguinal Hernia Debate: Are There Situations Better Suited for Lap or Open Hernia Repair – Lap*" at the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic AGES 2011, Surgical Spring Week, Scientific Session and Postgraduate Courses, March 30 – April 2, 2011 in San Antonio, TX.

Dr. Harmik Soukiasian presented "*Thoracic Outlet Syndrome: Video Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS) First Rib Resection, A Minimally Invasive Approach*" at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society for Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery (ISMICS) in Washington, DC on June 9. This paper was selected as one of the finalist in the Robert Emery Young Investigators Award Competition. In addition, his work "*Video Assisted Thoracoscopic (VATS) Segmentectomy; A Viable Alternative to Lobectomy*" was also selected for e-poster presentation at the event and he was an invited ISMICS Master Class Speaker on Sleeve Resection VATS/Robots.



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The next SUTURES will be Wednesday, June 29, 2011