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Notice: DMPS Injection on Backorder

The Ontario Poison Centre (OPC) has been made aware that Dimaval® (DMPS) Injection is on backorder, and existing stocks are approaching expiry. A resolution date for this shortage has not yet been confirmed, but supply is tentatively expected to resume by January 2027.

The manufacturer has confirmed that the product remains stable for 36 months beyond the manufacture date. Given this, and due to the ongoing supply disruption, the OPC recommends that hospitals retain expired DMPS stock for use until new supply becomes available.

DMPS (2,3-dimercapto-1-propanesulfonic acid) is currently the recommended chelator for:

- Acute lead poisoning with encephalopathy
- Inorganic mercury poisoning
- Arsenic poisoning

This follows the discontinuation of British Anti-Lewisite (BAL). DMPS is not commercially approved in Canada and must be obtained through Health Canada's Special Access Program (SAP).

For guidance on chelation therapy in acute heavy metal poisoning, contact the Ontario Poison Centre at 1-800-268-9017.