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The country and therefore the hospital is running out of ketorolac.

For patients who can take PO, ibuprofen is equally effective. Also, it is not well known that the analgesic ceiling for ketorolac is probably around 10 mg IV. I personally use 15 mg, and the hospital still has a reasonable stock of 15 mg vials, so consider this in patients whom you think would benefit from a parenteral NSAID.

Literature on the ceiling dose can be found on the mssmem.com page, where I will be posting further notices of drug shortages rather than email everyone as most of you don't care.

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To Critical Care Committee members,

Another medication that MSH will run out of within a week or two. Besides yesterday's bupivacaine issue we have another medication that will have a wider impact on more areas of the hospital center, ketorolac.

See FDA bulletin below along with MSH usage information.

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Please follow the link below for some very bad news about the shortage of KETOROLAC.

I believe the hospital will run out of Ketorolac totally by early January 2012.

Current in stock:

Item	Qty currently in stock	Avg monthly usage
15mg	4600	1150
30mg	ZERO	2100
60mg	340	Very low usage

Please advise me what would be an alternative agent, and I will determine availability of these drugs.

I don't think there is an alternative agent that is injectable in the same therapeutic class except perhaps indomethacin and that would not be possible

Because this agent is not readily available. And injectable Ibuprofen is not available.

I will do my best to get backorders in with the manufacturers so that as soon as they have product they will ship us.

Thanks,
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