

# **RIFAMPIN SHORTAGE IN ONTARIO**

## **Update to York Region health care providers as of July 3, 2019**

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry) is currently experiencing a disruption to its supply of Rifampin 150 mg/300 mg, medications used to treat active and latent Tuberculosis (TB). As a result, the supply of Rifampin in Ontario is currently limited.

The Ministry is implementing a contingency plan to manage the current supply of Rifampin, and ordering will be restricted and quantities will be limited until additional supply is available. Orders for Rifampin will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis. At this time, please give priority to the use of Rifampin for treatment of active TB disease cases instead of latent TB infection.

The Ministry is seeking alternative products from outside of Canada to augment the supply and looking into alternative treatment options to help manage cases of active TB disease until the end of this disruption.

York Region Public Health will keep you informed of any changes to the Rifampin supply. If you have any questions on Rifampin medication or treatment of TB, contact the TB prevention and control team at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 76000.

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