

**Critical Acute Drug List & Critical COVID-19 Drug List  
Drug Shortages Reported by ASHP & FDA**

Shortages as of  
4/25/2023

Drug #	Critical Acute Drugs Generic Name	Drug Category	UMN RDSP	UMN RDSP	ASHP	FDA
			List of 156 Critical Acute Drugs	List of 40 Critical COVID-19 Drugs	Drug Shortage List	Drug Shortage List
1	Cisatracurium	Paralytic	X	X	No	No
2	Rocuronium	Paralytic	X	X	Yes	Yes
3	Vecuronium	Paralytic	X	X	Yes	Yes
4	Succinylcholine	Paralytic	X	X		
5	Atracurium	Paralytic	X		No	
6	Propofol	Sedation	X	X	Yes	Yes
7	Midazolam	Sedation	X	X	Yes	Yes
8	Lorazepam	Sedation	X	X	Yes	Yes
9	Dexmedetomidine	Sedation/Anesthesia	X	X		Yes
10	Phenobarbital	Sedation	X		No	
11	Ketamine	Sedation/Anesthesia	X	X	Yes	Yes
12	Diazepam	Sedation	X		Yes	Yes
13	Lidocaine	Local Anesthetic	X		Yes	Yes
14	Bupivacaine	Local Anesthetic	X		Yes	Yes
15	Fentanyl	Pain	X	X	Yes	Yes
16	Hydromorphone	Pain	X	X	Yes	Yes
17	Morphine	Pain	X	X	Yes	Yes
18	Oxycodone	Pain	X	X	Yes	
19	Acetaminophen	Pain & Fever	X		Yes	
20	Ketorolac	Pain	X		Yes	Yes
21	Anakinra	Pain	X			
22	Oxygen	Medical Gas	X	X		
23	Nitric Oxide	Medical Gas	X			
24	Sevoflurane	Medical Gas	X			
25	Albuterol	Bronchodilator	X	X	Yes	Yes
26	Ipratropium (Inhaler)	Bronchodilator	X			
27	Azithromycin	Anti-infective	X	X	Yes	
28	Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Anti-infective	X	X		
29	Cefepime	Anti-infective	X	X	No	
30	Ceftriaxone	Anti-infective	X			
31	Vancomycin	Anti-infective	X	X	Yes	
32	Doxycycline	Anti-infective	X		Yes	
33	Meropenem	Anti-infective	X	X		
34	Cefazolin	Anti-infective	X	X	Yes	No
35	Levofloxacin	Anti-infective	X			
36	Linezolid	Anti-infective	X			
37	Ampicillin-Sulbactam	Anti-infective	X		No	
38	Sulfamethoxazole-Trimethoprim	Anti-infective	X			
39	Ceftazidime	Anti-infective	X	X	No	No
40	Ciprofloxacin	Anti-infective	X		Yes	
41	Clindamycin	Anti-infective	X		Yes	Yes
42	Gentamicin	Anti-infective	X		Yes	Yes
43	Imipenem	Anti-infective	X			
44	Metronidazole	Anti-infective	X		Yes	Yes
45	Ampicillin	Anti-infective	X			
46	Nafcillin	Anti-infective	X			
47	Oxacillin	Anti-infective	X			
48	Penicillin G	Anti-infective	X		Yes	
49	Tobramycin	Anti-infective	X			No
50	Amphotericin B	Anti-infective	X		Yes	
51	Posaconazole	Antifungal	X			
52	Ganciclovir (IV)	Antiviral	X			
53	Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapies**	Antiviral	X			
54	Hydroxychloroquine	Antiviral (Lupus, RA)	X	X	Yes	
55	Chlorhexidine	Antiseptic	X	X		
56	Betadine	Antiseptic	X			
57	Ethanol	Antiseptic	X			
58	Norepinephrine	Vasopressor	X	X		
59	Epinephrine	Vasopressor	X	X	Yes	Yes
60	Vasopressin	Vasopressor	X	X		
61	Phenylephrine	Vasopressor	X			

62	Amiodarone	Cardiovascular	X	X	Yes	
63	Hydralazine	Cardiovascular	X		Yes	No
64	Nicardipine	Cardiovascular	X			
65	Labetalol	Cardiovascular	X		Yes	
66	Metoprolol	Cardiovascular	X		Yes	
67	Esmolol	Cardiovascular	X		Yes	
68	Verapamil	Cardiovascular	X		No	
69	Diltiazem	Cardiovascular	X		Yes	Yes
70	Atropine	Cardiovascular	X		Yes	Yes
71	Adenosine	Cardiovascular	X		Yes	
72	Epoprostenol	Pulmonary Vasodilator	X		Yes	
73	Bosentan	Pulmonary Vasodilator	X			
74	Milrinone	Pulmonary Vasodilator	X			
75	Dexamethasone	Corticosteroids	X		Yes	Yes
76	Methylprednisolone	Corticosteroids	X		Yes	Yes
77	Hydrocortisone	Corticosteroids	X		Yes	Yes
78	Betamethasone	Corticosteroids	X		Yes	
79	Prednisone	Corticosteroids	X		Yes	
80	Furosemide	Diuretic	X		Yes	Yes
81	Potassium chloride (IV)	Electrolyte Replacement	X		Yes	Yes
82	Magnesium (IV)	Electrolyte Replacement	X		Yes	
83	Calcium chloride	Electrolyte Replacement	X	X	Yes	
84	Calcium gluconate	Electrolyte Replacement	X		No	Yes
85	Calcium carbonate	Electrolyte Replacement	X			
86	Sevelamer carbonate	Electrolyte Replacement	X			
87	Sodium bicarbonate	Electrolyte Replacement	X		Yes	Yes
88	Phosphorous	Electrolyte Replacement	X			
89	Zinc	Electrolyte Replacement	X			
90	Sodium chloride (0.9%, 3%, 5% )	Electrolyte & Fluids	X		Yes	Yes
91	Lactated Ringers	Electrolyte & Fluids	X		Yes	
92	Dextrose (50%)	Electrolyte & Fluids	X		Yes	Yes
93	Anticoagulant Citrate Dextrose Solution A	Electrolyte & Fluids	X		No	
94	Hemodialysis, Intermittent (IHD) Solution	Electrolyte & Fluids	X			
95	Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) Solution	Electrolyte & Fluids	X			
96	Renal Replacement Therapy, Continuous (CRRT)	Electrolyte & Fluids	X			No
97	Organ Preservation Solution	Electrolyte & Fluids	X			
98	Enoxaparin	Anticoagulant	X	X		
99	Heparin	Anticoagulant	X	X	Yes	Yes
100	Argatroban	Anticoagulant	X	X	Yes	Yes
101	Tissue Plasminogen Activator (TPA)	Anticoagulant	X			
102	Warfarin	Anticoagulant	X			
103	Prothrombin complex conc. (Kcentra)	Warfarin Reversal	X			
104	Vitamin K (phytonadione)	Warfarin Reversal	X		Yes	
105	Insulin, Short acting- Regular (aspart)	Insulin & Endocrine	X			
106	Insulin, Long acting (Lantus, Levemir, NPH)	Insulin & Endocrine	X		Yes	
107	Desmopressin Acetate (DDAVP)	Insulin & Endocrine	X		Yes	Yes
108	Glucagon	Insulin & Endocrine	X		Yes	Yes
109	Valproate sodium	Anti-epileptic	X		Yes	Yes
110	Carbamazepine	Anti-epileptic	X			
111	Fosphenytoin	Anti-epileptic	X		Yes	
112	Levetiracetam	Anti-epileptic	X		Yes	No
113	Phenytoin	Anti-epileptic	X		Yes	No
114	Antivenom, Snake (CroFab)	Antidote	X			
115	Antivenom, Spider	Antidote	X		Yes	
116	Dantrolene	Antidote	X		Yes	
117	Diphenhydramine	Antidote	X		Yes	
118	Epinephrine (EpiPen, auto-injector)	Antidote	X		Yes	Yes
119	Levocarnitine	Antidote	X			
120	Lipid emulsion (IV)	Antidote	X		Yes	Yes
121	Methylene Blue	Antidote	X			
122	N-acetylcysteine	Antidote	X		Yes	
123	Naloxone	Antidote	X			
124	Neostigmine	Antidote	X			
125	Protamine	Antidote	X		No	Yes
126	Rabies Vaccine IG	Antidote	X			
127	Sugammadex	Antidote	X			
128	Tetanus toxoid	Antidote	X			
129	Vitamin B12 (hydroxocobalamin)	Antidote	X			No
130	Immune globulin (IV)	Immunodeficiency	X			

131	Epoetin	Blood Modifier	X		Yes	
132	Granulocyte-Colony Stimulating Factor (GSCF)	Blood Modifier	X			
133	Granulocyte-Macrophage Colony- Stimulating Factor (GMCSF)	Blood Modifier	X			
134	NPEG-Granulocyte-Colony Stimulating Factor (NPEG-GSCF)	Blood Modifier	X			
135	Blood Factor IX	Hemophilia	X			
136	Blood Factor VII	Hemophilia	X			
137	Blood Factor VIII	Hemophilia	X			
138	Anti-inhibitor coagulant complex (FEIBA)	Hemophilia	X			
139	Tranexamic Acid	Hemophilia	X			
140	Mycophenolate Mofetil (MMF)	Immunosuppressant	X		No	
141	Tacrolimus	Immunosuppressant	X			No
142	Cyclophosphamide (CHOP regimen)	Lymphoma / Leukemia	X			
143	Doxorubicin (CHOP regimen)	Lymphoma / Leukemia	X		Yes	
144	Mechlorethamine (MOPP regimen)	Lymphoma / Leukemia	X			
145	Procarbazine (MOPP regimen)	Lymphoma / Leukemia	X			
146	Vincristine (CHOP, MOPP regimen)	Lymphoma / Leukemia	X			
147	Ondansetron (oral & inj)	Anti-emetics	X		Yes	
148	Prochlorperazine	Anti-emetics	X		No	
149	Metoclopramide	Anti-emetics	X			No
150	Methylergonovine	Pregnancy-related Medication	X			
151	Oxytocin	Pregnancy-related Medication	X		Yes	Yes
152	Surfactants	Pregnancy-related Medication	X			
153	Terbutaline	Pregnancy-related Medication	X		Yes	
154	Fluoxetine	Anti-psychotic	X			
155	Haloperidol	Anti-psychotic	X		Yes	No
156	Olanzapine	Anti-psychotic	X		Yes	

Additional Critical Drugs for Treatment of COVID-19 Patients						
C1	Remdesivir*	Other Critical COVID-19 Drugs		X	Yes	Yes
C2	Lopinavir-Ritonavir	Other Critical COVID-19 Drugs		X		Yes
C3	Oseltamivir	Other Critical COVID-19 Drugs		X	Yes	
C4	Chloroquine	Other Critical COVID-19 Drugs		X		
C5	Droperidol	Other Critical COVID-19 Drugs		X	No	
C6	Etomidate	Other Critical COVID-19 Drugs		X	Yes	Yes
C7	Fluconazole	Other Critical COVID-19 Drugs		X		
C8	Vitamin C	Other Critical COVID-19 Drugs		X		
<b># of Drugs on Critical List</b>			156	40		
<b># of Drugs in Shortage (ASHP)</b>			73	23	76	
<b>% of Drugs in Shortage (ASHP)</b>			46.8%	57.5%		
<b># of Drugs in Shortage (FDA)</b>			39	17		42
<b>% of Drugs in Shortage (FDA)</b>			25.0%	42.5%		

#### **Resilient Drug Supply Project (RDSP)**

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#### **UMN RDSP List of 156 Critical Acute Drugs**

Critical Acute Drugs are drugs that "when medically needed in acute care must be available and used within hours or days of the need or the patient will suffer serious outcomes which may include disability or death. Absence of a Critical Acute Drug, or lack of availability of an effective substitute, may cause serious health outcomes or limited ability to provide humane care."

Source of Critical Acute Drug List: Created by an expert panel convened by the Univ. of Minnesota's RDSP on December 11 & 12, 2018.

Participating experts came from government, academia, and the private sector and represented the fields of pharmacy, medicine, nursing, public health, others in clinical health care, pharmaceutical supply chains, emergency preparedness and response, emergency medical services, and drug distribution.

#### **UMN RDSP List of 40 Critical COVID-19 Drugs**

Critical COVID-19 Drugs: drugs used in the active treatment of COVID-19 positive patients or their COVID-19 related symptoms.

Source of Critical COVID-19 Drug List: Created by the Univ. of Minnesota's Resilient Drug Supply Project staff in January of 2020.

"X" means that a drug is on the list named at the top of the column.

"Yes" means that a drug is on the active shortage list named at the top of the column (either ASHP or FDA).

\* Remdesivir (Gilead) has been approved by the FDA for treatment of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization in adults and pediatric patients age 12 and older.

\*\* Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapies (HAART) and particularly agents used for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) are included on the critical acute drug list.

( ) Information in parentheses after a drug name indicates a specific dosage form, strength or product name that is of interest on the Critical List.

ASHP Drug Shortage List: Drug shortages reported by the American Society of Health Systems can be found at:

<https://www.ashp.org/Drug-Shortages/Current-Shortages/Drug-Shortages-List?page=CurrentShortages&loginreturnUrl=SSOCheckOnly>

FDA Drug Shortage List: Drug shortages reported by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration can be found at:

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/drugshortages/default.cfm>