Drug Shortage Status Report
January – March 2024

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Summary

- The number of ongoing and active shortages is the highest—323—since we began tracking data in 2001. Unresolved shortages have been hovering above 300 for more than a year.
- Basic and life-saving products are in short supply, including oxytocin, Rho(D) immune globulin, standard of care chemotherapy, pain and sedation medications, and ADHD medications.
- Recent legal settlements and DEA quota changes are resulting in more shortages of controlled substances (12% of all active shortages).
- Workload required to manage shortages, including work to change pharmacy automation and electronic health records, adds to the challenges of pharmacy staff shortages.

National Drug Shortages
New Shortages by Year
January 2001 through March 2024
National Drug Shortages - New Shortages by Year
January 2001 through 2024, % Injectable

Note: Each point represents the number of active shortages at the end of each quarter.
Active Shortages
Top 5 Drug Classes

Active Shortages March 31, 2024

Common Drug Classes
in Short Supply – 5 Year Trend
Reasons for Shortages as Reported by Manufacturers During UUDIS Investigation

![Chart showing reasons for shortages]

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ASHP has led efforts to minimize and prevent drug shortages for more than 20 years. As part of that work, ASHP and the University of Utah maintain a drug shortage database that tracks drugs availability, including regional shortages, across the nation.

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