



This huddle card provides an overview of the current IV fluid shortages and recommendations to mitigate the impact to patient care and conserve product on-hand.

S	<u>Situation</u> IV solutions in bags of 250 mL or greater are in limited supply due to allocations from our primary supplier. Releases are made in limited quantities and are currently difficult to obtain.
B	<u>Background</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These shortages are the result of manufacturer facility closure following Hurricane Helene.• Procurement and conservation efforts are underway; however, supply disruptions are expected to continue for several months.• This is a significant and serious shortage which will require coordinated efforts from all members of our clinical teams to help mitigate the burden and impact on our patients.
A	<u>Assessment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using larger (250 mL or greater) IV fluid bags for purposes of reconstituting or diluting medications will put a strain on inventories of these products and result in additional shortages.• Supply Chain is actively engaged in this effort to ensure appropriate stewardship of product on hand while sourcing alternative product as necessary.
R	<u>Recommendations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Switch IV medications to oral medications in eligible patients.• Order oral medications whenever possible.• Review and implement strategies to promote oral fluid resuscitation and potassium replacement.• Review medications administered as continuous infusions at higher rates.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Review and implement strategies to encourage IV push over IV infusion.○ Consider leveraging non-titratable medications infusing above 20 mL/hr as carriers in place of a dedicated KVO.○ Discuss opportunities for conservation of IV solutions in ICU patients during Multidisciplinary Rounds.• Share opportunities to conserve these products with your facility team!