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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Neocate Gold and Neocate Junior Unflavoured Stock Update

Dear Healthcare Professional,

This is to provide the latest update on the supply of some Nutricia allergy products. We are pleased to share that Neocate Gold Infant Formula is now back in stock, with good stock levels and a good supply outlook for the short to medium term. Pharmacies can access these products via their usual wholesaler.

However, we regret to inform you that Neocate Junior Unflavoured has intermittent stock levels as we are currently experiencing delays in the arrival of incoming shipments from overseas. This will result in availability challenges for the next 4-8 weeks. We are monitoring the situation closely in order to close the supply gaps as soon as possible.

To assist us in managing our current stock levels for this product, we ask that, where clinically appropriate, please write a script for both **Neocate Junior Vanilla** and **Neocate Junior Unflavoured** in the case that the Unflavoured version cannot be accessed. For tube-fed patients, please prescribe **Neocate Gold Infant Formula** concentrated up to 1kcal/ml; add 1 level scoop (4.6g) of Neocate Gold to 20ml of water. This recipe yields a 1kcal/ml formula (20.6% w/v)**

		
	Neocate Gold	Neocate Junior Vanilla
Severe cow's milk allergy (CMA)***		
Initial Treatment	5466Q	1180D
Continuing Treatment	5467R*	1192R*
CMA anaphylaxis (up to 24 months)		
Initial & continuing treatment	5467R*	1192R*
Eosinophilic Oesophagitis (up to 18 years)		
Initial & continuing treatment	1545H*	1521C
Severe intestinal malabsorption including short bowel syndrome		
Initial & continuing treatment	5467R*	1192R*

*Authorities for increased maximum quantities, up to a maximum of 20 may be authorised.

**The standard recommended concentration of Neocate Gold is 13.8% w/v. Any higher concentrations of Neocate Gold (i.e. above 13.8% w/v) should only be recommended by the managing HCP where there is a clinical need, and with ongoing monitoring

*** Severe CMA refers to: CMA enteropathy with failure to thrive; CMA enteropathy with intolerance to soy and protein hydrolysate; proven combined IgE mediated CMA and soy allergy

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Please see appendix for a more detailed comparison.

For any additional concerns or urgent queries, please contact your Nutricia Representative or the Nutricia Careline team on any of the following:

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Kind regards,

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Appendix:

Product	Neocate Junior Unflavoured (400g can)	Neocate Junior Vanilla (400g can)	Neocate Gold (400g can)
Indications for use	Cows' milk protein allergy, multiple food protein allergy, eosinophilic oesophagitis & other indications where an amino acid based formula is recommended. (For Children 1+ years)	Cows' milk protein allergy, multiple food protein allergy, eosinophilic oesophagitis & other indications where an amino acid based formula is recommended. (For Children 1+ years)	Cows' milk protein allergy, multiple food protein allergy, eosinophilic oesophagitis & other indications where an amino acid based formula is recommended. (For Infants 0+ months)
Nutritional profile			
- Calories (kcal)	100kcal	100kcal	67kcal
- (kJ)	420kJ	419kJ	279kJ
- Protein (g)	2.8g	3.1g	1.9g
- Source	Free amino acids	Free amino acids	Free amino acids
- MCT (% total fatty acids)	35%	35%	33%
- Clinically lactose free	Yes	Yes	Yes
- Osmolality (mOsmol/ kg H ₂ O)	600	620	340 <i>for tube-fed patients, Concentrated Neocate Gold made up to 1kcal/ml; (20.6% w/v) will increase osmolality to 510</i>

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Neocate Junior Vanilla Transition Guide

For most children, changing to a new formula is simple and doesn't require a transition period. However, some parents and clinicians may prefer to transition over a period to give the child time to adjust to the new formula. Also, some children starting Neocate Junior Vanilla may be new to formula with prebiotics. For children requiring a transition period, each child will have his or her own unique pace. For some children: the slower, the better - others may transition very quickly. The goal is successfully moving forward, even if the pace is very gradual. The three simple steps below are a guide to transitioning:

1. Start by mixing a small amount of prepared Neocate Junior Vanilla with the child's current formula. Each formula should be prepared separately following the directions on each respective can, and then combine the prepared formulas in a clean bottle / cup. If the child is breast fed, use the expressed milk.
2. Then over a period of days, or weeks in some cases, gradually increase the ratio of Neocate Junior Vanilla to the child's current formula in the bottle / cup.
3. If the child starts to resist, just reduce the ratio a bit until it's accepted, then get back to transitioning.

Will there be any differences in the child's stools when transitioning to Neocate Junior Vanilla from breast milk or other formulas?

The research behind prebiotics (scFOS/lcFOS) suggests that stools may become softer during the early transition onto this product from a formula without prebiotics. In addition, in the first days of use, the child may also have more gas or flatulence, which may cause some temporary discomfort.

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