



## FMOLHS Drug Shortage Memo

**To:** All Providers

**From:** Pharmacy Department

**Date:** 6/10/2022

**Drug Affected:** IV Dobutamine

Dear Providers,

Currently, there is a nationwide shortage of dobutamine due to manufacturing delays and/or increased demand. At OLOLRMC, we have a very limited stock, and no new supply will be available for a while (pending availability from manufacturers).

Dobutamine is one of the inotropes with indication for patient requiring inotropic support. To address the dobutamine shortage, Pharmacy has provided the following recommendations for an alternative agent.

Recommendations Summary for Dobutamine alternative during the period of shortage

- If current supply of dobutamine is exhausted; Milrinone will be a therapeutic alternative.

Dobutamine Alternative	Route of administration	Unit Restrictions	Clinical Consideration
Milrinone	Intravenous (IV)	Critical units Progressive care units Cardiac Telemetry units – must be monitored, no titrations	<u>Caution in renal impairment:</u> will require a lower dosing regimen in the setting of renal impairment

For more information on the IV dobutamine shortage, please visit:

<https://www.ashp.org/drug-shortages/current-shortages/drug-shortage-detail.aspx?id=296>

**For any questions/concerns, please contact:**

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