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Group Discussion: Dissolution of glyceryl trinitrate (Nitrostat® brand) 300microg tablets

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Question:

ED nursing and medical staff of a member hospital has reported that glyceryl trinitrate 300microg tablets (Nitrostat® brand) do not appear to be dissolving very well under the tongue. (If they go away from the patient and come back later after 5 mins or more, it's still there undissolved.) The batch thought to be affected is S36699; Expiry 07/19.

NSW TAG and TAGNet members were asked if they had encountered this problem.

Responses:

Two responses were received.

- Liverpool - I'm not aware of a problem, although a lot of our areas also have Nitrolingual® spray which they have been using more of since all the supply issues with the tablets when the 300 mcg Nitrostat® was unavailable for several months.
- Port Macquarie & Kempsey – Yes our Coronary Care Unit staff have reported issues with the Nitrostat® tablet not dissolving and remaining under the tongue as a tablet and they have been using the spray instead on patients.

Responses received as at 17th September 2018

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