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Subject: Update on the supplies of OLMETEC® (olmesartan medoxomil), OLMETEC PLUS® (olmesartan medoxomil and hydrochlorothiazide), COZAAR® (losartan potassium) and HYZAAR®/HYZAAR® DS (losartan potassium and hydrochlorothiazide)

Dear Healthcare Professionals,

OLMETEC® and OLMETEC PLUS®

Merck Canada Inc. is experiencing short-term supply constraints for OLMETEC® and OLMETEC PLUS® due to a significant increased demand for these products.

We recognize that this shortage may cause inconvenience to patients, and we remain committed to resume the supply of OLMETEC® and OLMETEC PLUS® as quickly as possible.

As of May 24th, the status of Merck Canada OLMETEC® and OLMETEC PLUS® supply (which could continue to evolve) is as follow:

Product Name	Supply Status
OLMETEC® 20mg - Blister packs of 30 tablets	Estimated Resupply: Last week of June
OLMETEC® 40mg - Blister packs of 30 tablets	Estimated Resupply: Last week of June
OLMETEC PLUS® 40/25mg - Blister packs of 30 tablets	Estimated Resupply: First week of July
OLMETEC PLUS® 40/12.5mg - Blister packs of 30 tablets	Estimated Resupply: Last week of July
OLMETEC PLUS® 20/12.5mg - Blister packs of 30 tablets	Estimated Resupply: Last week of July

COZAAR® and HYZAAR®/HYZAAR® DS

We wish to inform you that the supplies of losartan remain stable.

As of May 24th, all **COZAAR®** and **HYZAAR®/HYZAAR® DS** dosage forms are available on the market.

As the situation progresses, please refer to the most up-to-date information regarding supply details at www.drugshortagescanada.ca which is regularly updated.

If you are a healthcare professional and have a medical question regarding our products, you may refer to the product monograph available at www.merck.ca or contact the Merck Medical Information Centre by calling 1-800-567-2594 ext. 2 or sending an email to medinfoCanada@merck.com.

Sincerely,

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