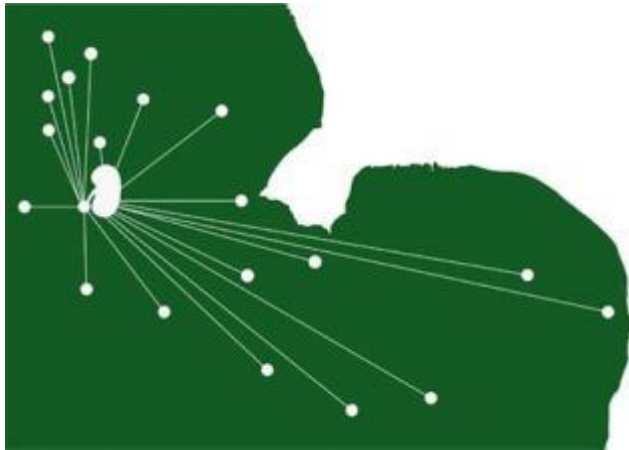




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Children's Kidney Network for the East Midlands,
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Oral Calcium Carbonate 10% suspension supply

Calcium carbonate 10% suspension belongs to a group of medications known as Phosphate binders. It is taken 5-10 minutes before meals or mixed with feeds to reduce the amount of phosphate that is absorbed from food eaten.

Calcium carbonate is available as chewable tablets, however for children who cannot take their calcium carbonate in this way, a suspension made through a specials manufacturer or hospital manufacturing lab is appropriate.

Various specials manufacturers are available in community who can make this suspension. As the medicine is a special there may be a delay in the manufacture and supply which has caused problems for our patients and families in the past.

In Nottingham Children's Hospital we have always used our on-site manufacturing lab. This licensed manufacturing unit is also available to community pharmacies and other hospitals within the network. Oral Calcium Carbonate 10% is available as 1g in 10ml suspension with a 28 day expiry date. The expiry date means that the patient will either need a new prescription every 28 days or will have to return for an owing. The family should be made aware of this to avoid running out of medicine.

Orders received by fax will be manufactured on the next working day and posted to a designated pharmacy via royal mail special delivery. Contact information for the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Non Sterile Manufacturing is available below. Pricing is available on request.

Kind Regards,

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