

# Methylphenidate (Rubifen SR)



## Supply issue

### Your medicine is unavailable

Due to delays with the manufacturer, the latest shipment of your medicine has been delayed.

We know it's hard when the medicine you are taking is not available. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Pharmac is working with suppliers to reduce the impact of supply shortages, but unfortunately they have been unable to avoid this one.

### Talk to your prescriber

Where Rubifen SR is not available, you will need to talk to your doctor about your options, including whether you should be prescribed a different brand of methylphenidate.

You may need to pay for an appointment with your doctor.

There are other brands of methylphenidate available, including long-acting and immediate release options. Pharmac also funded a new ADHD medicine, lisdexamfetamine, from the 1 December 2024.

### Next shipment due February 2025

The next shipment is due to arrive in mid-February. It will take another 1 to 2 weeks for stock to reach pharmacies around the motu.

### Global supply issue

This out of stock is caused by the wider global supply shortages of methylphenidate, the active ingredient in Rubifen SR.

Demand for this product has increased significantly both in New Zealand and globally.

### More information

We have information about this issue on our website.

[www.pharmac.govt.nz/Rubifen](http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/Rubifen)

### No data? No problem!

- Go to [www.zero.govt.nz](http://www.zero.govt.nz)
- Select Pharmac
- Browse the site without using any mobile data.