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Dear Healthcare Professional,

Important information: VENOFER® (iron sucrose) 20 mg/mL solution for injection INTERIM PACKAGING

To accommodate a temporary supply issue of VENOFER, CSL Seqirus (NZ) will also be supplying **VENOFER** Australian labelled stock for funded and private use.

The difference is the information provided in the package insert, the side panel of the carton label and vial label (as further detailed below).

Package Insert

The Australian labelled package insert has a different indication and therefore dosing information to the New Zealand labelled stock.

The indication in the Australian Pack Insert reads as follows:

VENOFER is indicated for the treatment of iron deficiency anaemia in patients undergoing chronic haemodialysis and who are receiving supplemental erythropoietin therapy.

The diagnosis of iron deficiency must be based on appropriate laboratory tests (e.g. serum ferritin, serum iron, transferrin saturation and hypochromic red cells).

The Medsafe indication for VENOFER in New Zealand:

VENOFER is indicated for the treatment of iron deficiency in the following indications:

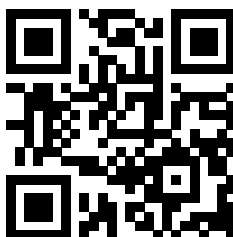
- *Where there is a clinical need for a rapid iron supply,*
- *In patients who cannot tolerate oral iron therapy or who are non-compliant,*
- *In active inflammatory bowel disease where oral iron preparations are ineffective.*

VENOFER should only be administered where the indication is confirmed by appropriate investigations (e.g. Hb, serum ferritin, serum iron).

All references to the use of VENOFER for Indication and Dosing and Method of Administration included in the Australian Package Insert should be disregarded.





Healthcare Professionals should use the New Zealand VENOFER approved Data Sheet which is available via the Medsafe website: <https://www.medsafe.govt.nz/profs/Datasheet/v/venoferinf.pdf>

Or by scanning the attached QR code:



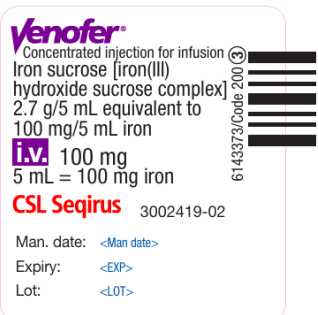



Carton and Vial label

The Australia carton label currently does not include the New Zealand distributor details. For clarity, the carton and vial label panel of the currently supplied New Zealand and Australian products is provided below.

New Zealand Carton Label	Australian Carton Label
 <p>Venofe[®]</p> <p>Composition: Each 5 mL ampoule contains 2.7 g iron sucrose [iron(III) hydroxide sucrose complex] 2.7 g/5 mL equivalent to 100 mg/5 mL iron in water for injections. The pH is adjusted with sodium hydroxide q.s. to pH 10.5–11.0.</p> <p>Dosage: Use as directed by a medical practitioner. Please read enclosed leaflet. Before using check on absence of sediments and observe expiry date. Use in one patient on one occasion only. Contains no antimicrobial preservative. Do not administer the solution undiluted.</p> <p>Dilute exclusively in sodium chloride solution 0.9%, according to the enclosed leaflet.</p> <p>Storage: Store in original carton. Store below 25 °C. Do not freeze.</p> <p>Distributed in Australia by: Aspen Pharmacare Australia Pty Ltd 34-36 Chandos Street St Leonards NSW 2060</p> <p>Distributed in New Zealand by: Pharmacy Retailing (NZ) Ltd trading as Healthcare Logistics 28 Richard Pearce Drive Airport Oaks Mangere Auckland 2022 New Zealand</p> <p>A product of: Vifor (International) Inc. St.Gallen/Switzerland</p>  <p>9 331134 001887</p>	 <p>Venofe[®]</p> <p>Composition: Each 5 mL ampoule contains 2.7 g iron sucrose [iron(III) hydroxide sucrose complex] 2.7 g/5 mL equivalent to 100 mg/5 mL iron in water for injections. The pH is adjusted with sodium hydroxide q.s. to pH 10.5–11.0.</p> <p>Dosage: Use as directed by a medical practitioner. Please read enclosed leaflet. Before using check on absence of sediments and observe expiry date. Use in one patient on one occasion only. Contains no antimicrobial preservative. Do not administer the solution undiluted.</p> <p>Dilute exclusively in sodium chloride solution 0.9%, according to the enclosed leaflet.</p> <p>Storage: Store in original carton. Store below 25 °C. Do not freeze.</p> <p>Distributed by: CSL Seqirus 655 Elizabeth Street Melbourne, VIC 3000 Australia Tel: 1800 642 865 (Within Australia).</p>  <p>9 331134 001887</p> <p>CSL Seqirus</p>

*All other aspects of the carton label are identical.

New Zealand Vial Label	Australian Vial Label
 <p>Venofe[®] Concentrated injection for infusion Iron sucrose [iron(III) hydroxide sucrose complex] 2.7 g/5 mL equivalent to 100 mg/5 mL iron</p> <p>IV 100 mg 5 mL = 100 mg iron</p> <p>VIFOR PHARMA EF 071-01</p> <p>Man. date: Expiry: Lot:</p>  <p>6143373/Code 188 (2)</p>	 <p>Venofe[®] Concentrated injection for infusion Iron sucrose [iron(III) hydroxide sucrose complex] 2.7 g/5 mL equivalent to 100 mg/5 mL iron</p> <p>IV 100 mg 5 mL = 100 mg iron</p> <p>CSL Seqirus 3002419-02</p> <p>Man. date: <Man date> Expiry: <EXP> Lot: <LOT></p>  <p>6143373/Code 200 (3)</p>

If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact CSL Seqirus Medical Information NZ via aunz.medicalinformation@seqirus.com or phone 0800 502 757. Any information regarding adverse event reporting should continue to be reported to Medsafe via the following link:

<https://pophealth.my.site.com/carmreportnz/s/>



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