

## Supply of oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and zanamivir (Relenza)

We only have sufficient supplies of oseltamivir and zanamivir to treat inpatients within the OUHFT. We cannot dispense doctor's own prescriptions, private prescriptions, or community FP10 prescriptions.

OUHFT Outpatient clinics should not prescribe oseltamivir or zanamivir. These patients should contact their GP.

### Treatment doses

See [Quris](#) or [UKHSA guidance](#) for screening information. Supply a full course.

- Paediatric prescriptions must be authorised by Paediatric ID.
- Adult prescriptions may be authorised as below:

Flu Point of Care or Lab Result	Action
Flu Positive	Oseltamivir/ zanamivir can be commenced without Micro/ID advice.
Flu negative or pending	Discuss prescriptions with Micro/ID
No result available	Discuss prescriptions with Micro/ID

- Oseltamivir and zanamivir should be initiated within 48 hours of onset of symptoms (or within 36 hours for zanamivir in children). Micro/ID may recommend these for specific patients after these time frames.

#### • Out of hours:

Drug Formulation	Location
Oseltamivir capsules	JR, NOC, Horton, and Churchill EDCs
Zanamivir diskhaler	JR, NOC and Churchill EDCs
Zanamivir solution for infusion	JR, NOC and Churchill EDCs
Oseltamivir liquid	Dispensary – call out necessary for children under 1 year

### Prophylactic doses

See [Quris](#) or [UKHSA guidance](#) for screening information. Supply a full course.

- All prescriptions should be authorised by Micro/ID or Paeds ID.
- In most cases a supply as soon as possible on the next working day is adequate.

**Continuation of Supply** from the community does not need Micro/ID approval.

## Supply of oseltamivir to children and patients with swallowing difficulties or enteral feeding tubes.

- Supply **liquid** to children less than 1 year.
- Supply **capsules** to children 1 year or over, patients with swallowing difficulties or for administration via enteral tube. See SPC or Handbook of Drug Administration Via Enteral Feeding Tubes for further information. Please note that honey should not be given to young children.