



The Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association - Movement Disorder Chapter
and
Movement Disorder Society of Australia and New Zealand
Joint position statement – APOMORPHINE HYDROCHLORIDE – 30th June 2017

As of April 2017, there are now two separate companies distributing Apomorphine hydrochloride in Australia. The trade names are Apomine® sold by Pfizer® and Movapo® sold by Stada®. Although the medications are similar and almost identical, each product has slight differences. The following table is intended to act as a guide to minimise confusion for services providing apomorphine infusions to their patients with Parkinson's disease.

	Apomine®	Movapo®
Company/Sponsor	Pfizer	Stada
Apomorphine hydrochloride Availability	Apomine® Solution for Infusion 100mg/20ml vial	Movapo® Pre-Filled Syringes (PFS) 50mg/10ml syringe
		Movapo® Ampoules 20mg/2ml ampoules
Nursing Service	ANSSER Phone: 1800 276 6463	Stada Phone: 1800 823 230
Source of Consumables	HSN 1300890284 – for consumables ANSSER - for crn crono syringes	iMOVE Shop using myINTERACT app
Pumps	Crono Par ambulatory infusion pump (Black)	Crono Apo-go Mark III (White)
Syringes	Crn Crono (black writing)	Crn Crono (blue writing)

The recommendations are as follows:

1. The choice of brand is best decided by the prescribing clinician and the patient based on clinical assessment.
2. Prescribers are to document 'not for brand substitution' to avoid any confusion for pharmacists dispensing the apomorphine hydrochloride formulation.
3. A change in formulation is initiated by the prescribing physician to minimise the risk of dosing error. Any change in formulation will require training in the new system for the patient and carer and any other community service or aged care facility involved in the patient's care.
4. Apomine and Movapo are to be used with the corresponding syringe and pump as identified above and supported by a nurse trained in the use of the specific product. Movapo (STADA) and Apomine (Pfizer-ANSSER) nurse support services should only be used to support patients who have been prescribed the relevant apomorphine preparation. This ensures the lines of responsibility for any adverse events or equipment failures are clear.
5. Note that due to slight difference in size Crn Crono syringes and pumps are not interchangeable.