



Problems with medication shortages have escalated over the past five years, ranging from antibiotics and histamine receptor antagonists to sympathomimetics. These shortages can result in having to use less optimal medications with risks of serious consequences. This survey aims to assess the impact on paediatric practice and collect data on medication alternatives. **Your contribution is greatly appreciated.**

In the past 12 months	Yes	No	Sometimes
1. Have you experienced increasing medication shortages?	___	___	___
If the answer is no, thank you for completing this survey.			
If yes, specify name of medication(s), and duration of shortage(s): _____			

2. Did you receive advanced warning of pending shortages?	___	___	___
If yes, specify the source(s): _____			
3. Have you experienced increased calls from pharmacists regarding medication alternatives?	___	___	___
4. Did you encounter complications due to medication alternatives?	___	___	___
If yes, check all that apply: Delay in treatment___ Prolonged duration of disease___			
Progression of disease___ Adverse drug reactions___ Hospitalizations___			
Prolongation of hospital stay___ Transient injuries___ Permanent injuries___			
Others, specify: _____			
5. Did you encounter any medication errors with the use of the alternative?	___	___	___
If yes, check all that apply: incorrect substitute___ incorrect form/strength___			
Others, specify: _____			
6. Was the alternative medication more expensive (if known)?	___	___	___
7. Were any vital medications not substituted (if known)?	___	___	___
If yes, specify medication(s) and consequence(s): _____			

8. Are you aware of the publicly accessible website on medication shortages: www.drugshortages.ca ?	___	___	___
If yes, have you ever used the website as:			
a) a national registry of drug shortages?			
If yes, did you find the website useful? Very___ somewhat___ not at all___			
If no, specify suggested improvements: _____			
b) a mechanism for advance warning of pending shortages?			
If yes, did you find the website useful? Very___ somewhat___ not at all___			
If no, specify suggested improvements: _____			
9. What would you envision as possible solutions to:			
a) prevent medication shortages _____			

b) improve access to appropriate therapy during paediatric medication shortages_____			

10. Have you encountered paediatric medications that have been completely removed from the marketplace that you would still find useful?	___	___	___
If yes, specify: _____			

**Please return this survey with your monthly reporting form.
Thank you for your participation.**

12/2012