Malnutrition Awareness Week Zoom Room

Impacts of the Infant Formula Shortage:
The Health Care Provider’s Perspective

Event Overview
The infant formula shortage national crisis has demonstrated the fragility of the nutrition supply chain impacting infant health and outcomes. A discussion moderated by ByHeart’s Chief Medical Officer Dr. Devon Kuehn, panelists Drs. Mark Corkins, MD, CNSC, FASPEN, AGAF, FAAP, Ruba Abdelhadi, MD, CNSC, NASPGHAN-F, and Allison Blackmer, PharmD, BCPS, BCPPS, FCCP, FASPEN discussed:

• Preliminary findings from a recent national survey on the impacts of the formula shortage on healthcare providers and their patients

• Resources developed and advocacy efforts already in place by key pediatric and nutrition societies to ensure access to nutrition products for infants and children

Based on this zoom room discussion and findings of recent surveys, a list of resources was compiled to support the practice of healthcare providers in search of educational, clinical, community, and legislative resources in dealing with this shortage and beyond.

To watch the archived recording of the MAW Zoom Room Event, visit nutritioncare.org/MAW22-FormulaShortageImpact. For more information regarding survey findings discussed in this event, stay tuned for announcements regarding a forthcoming publication.

Parent Resources

AAP guidance on choosing formula alternatives for parents
With the baby formula shortage, what should I do if I can’t find any? HealthyChildren.org
bit.ly/3CB0qVq

AAP guidance on choosing or switching formulas for parents
Choosing a Baby Formula - HealthyChildren.org
bit.ly/3rCYJSY

FDA list of approved formulas from outside the US
Enforcement Discretion to Manufacturers to Increase Infant Formula Supplies | FDA
bit.ly/3Vd2r3g

CDC guidelines on safe formula preparation and storage
CDC Formula Preparation and Storage
bit.ly/3V1PE3k

CDC guidelines for breast milk storage and preparation
Proper Storage and Preparation of Breast Milk | Breastfeeding | CDC
bit.ly/3MaKbDv

FDA guidance for formula preparation and conversion
Tips for preparing imported infant formula (fda.gov)
bit.ly/3MgDu2Q

Social Media Support Groups

HHS.gov multilingual social media toolkit for parents seeking medical guidance, information on formula procurement, and safety information related to the formula shortage
Baby Formula Shortage Social Media Toolkit | HHS.gov
bit.ly/3EooFTj
Community Resources, Local Departments of Health, and Food Assistance

Community resource helping to connect families to local agencies who may have access to formula
Find A CAP | National CAP (communityactionpartnership.com)
bit.ly/3Mf3bjX

Call center connecting providers and families to specialists to locate food pantries and specialty formulas
Your Local 211 | United Way 211
bit.ly/3TeA9TT

Provider Resources

Provides comparison charts for formulas by protein type and guidance on safe formula substitutions
NASPghan Tools for Infants and Children Affected by Formula Shortages
bit.ly/3fIBFPL

Provides list of resources and product availability updates related to the enteral formula shortage
ASPEN | Enteral Nutrition Product Shortages
nutritioncare.org/ENProductShortages

Resource center including nutrition screening and assessment tools, initiatives on malnutrition, and additional evaluation resources for specialized populations
ASPEN | Malnutrition Solution Center
nutritioncare.org/Malnutrition

Legislation

FDA findings and recommendations following the infant formula national crisis
FDA Evaluation of Infant Formula Response - September 2022
bit.ly/3V8PLdz

Outlines updates on legislative action taken to address the formula shortage
Addressing the Infant Formula Shortage - The White House
bit.ly/3EqB5AI

Provides overview of the Medical Nutrition Equity Act (MNEA) and Medical Nutrition Therapy Act (MNT)
ASPEN | Help Improve Patient Access to Nutrition Therapy!
nutritioncare.org/MNT-MNEA

Outlines the Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) emergency assistance fund which provides financial support to families impacted by amino acid-based formula shortages
PAF Launches Emergency Assistance Fund
nutritioncare.org/PAFfund

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