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Statement Regarding Geopolitical Developments in the Middle East

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding the resilience of the pharmaceutical supply chain, the End Drug Shortages Alliance (EDSA) Rapid Response Team (RRT) is actively monitoring geopolitical developments in the Middle East, including the potential disruption of transit through the Strait of Hormuz.

At this time, we want to stress that **no immediate material impact to medication availability across the U.S. supply chain has been identified**. End Drug Shortages Alliance is in close coordination with our manufacturer, distributor, and supply chain partners to assess potential risks and validate supply continuity in real time.

While the current environment does not indicate immediate disruption, the Strait of Hormuz remains a critical global shipping corridor. Prolonged instability could introduce challenges related to transportation routes, lead times, and cost pressures, which may indirectly affect segments of the pharmaceutical supply chain. End Drug Shortages Alliance is actively evaluating these factors and maintaining direct engagement with partners to identify any early indicators of impact.

In this context, we strongly reinforce the importance of **supply stewardship** across the entirety of the drug supply chain. Specifically, we recommend:

- Maintaining purchasing patterns aligned to historical demand and clinical need
- Avoiding precautionary ordering beyond baseline utilization
- Monitoring communications from supply partners and End Drug Shortages Alliance for validated updates

Premature changes in ordering behavior present a greater near-term risk to supply stability than current conditions and may contribute to unnecessary strain on the system.

End Drug Shortages Alliance remains committed to transparency, coordination, and timely communication. We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available or if conditions materially change.

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We appreciate the efforts of our Rapid Response Team in monitoring this dynamic situation and providing guidance and insights.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to ensuring a stable and equitable medication supply for patients nationwide.

Thank you,
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