IV Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) Shortage Memo- Adults Updated

What?  Due to some supply of short-dated IV pantoprazole (Protonix) arriving in the system, the current hard stop alert will be changed back to a soft stop CPOE alert. The alert will continue to ask prescribers to reserve available supply for patients with a GI bleed. The alert will say the following:

The PharmNet (pharmacy) soft stop alert that was only in place during the hard stop CPOE alert will be removed.

The plan to reserve IV pantoprazole for GI bleeds during a critical shortage has been approved by P&T and MEC.

When?  Effective May 1, 2019

Why?  The above plan is being implemented due to a critical shortage of IV pantoprazole. The shortage is due to manufacturing delays, and there is insufficient supply for usual ordering. There are three manufacturers of IV pantoprazole: Hikma, Auromedics, and Pfizer/Hospira. Hikma has product on allocation, Auromedics has product on backorder, and Pfizer/Hospira has the product on backorder with an estimated release date of September 2019. However as of late April 2019, there is some short dated supply of product from Pfizer/Hospira available that the system has been able to obtain.