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REMAC Advisory (Feb. 2002)

Due to recent developments whereupon there has been a temporary shortage of the production of Furosemide (Lasix), the Hudson Valley Regional MAC is authorizing the use of Bumetanide (Bumex) as a replacement medication for use when patients exhibit clinical indicators that have initiated the use of Lasix in the past.

The dosage must be appropriate under standing orders as well as a Medical Control option. Please utilize the conversion Lasix 40mg. = Bumex 1mg. **Thus Lasix 20mg. = Bumex 0.5mg., Lasix 40mg.=Bumex 1.0mg. and Lasix 80mg.= Bumex 2.0 mg., etc.**

Whereupon the development, and distribution, of Lasix reaches satisfactory levels, the utilization of BUMEX will be discontinued. We expect this shortage to be a temporary situation only.

Please direct any questions to the Regional Office staff or myself. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

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