

**What?**  Due to a critical shortage of IV pantoprazole (Protonix), a hard stop CPOE alert driving prescribers to alternative therapy has been implemented as follows:

**The recommended dosing is as follows for famotidine drip:**  Famotidine 20 mg IV Push bolus now followed by famotidine continuous infusion 40 mg/24 hours (1.7 mg/hr)

**Pharmacy preparation** of the famotidine drip: Famotidine 40 mg in NS 250 mL piggyback (0.16 mg/mL).

**When:**  Effective immediately, June 29, 2017.

**Why:**  The sole supplier of IV Protonix (current formulary PPI) has this medication on shortage due to increased demand. The resolution date is unknown. The above plan for alternatives was approved by P&T in 2015.
References:

2. Trissel’s Handbook on Injectable Drugs.