

# EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF ONCOLOGY PHARMACY

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To  
The EU Commission  
The Members of the European Parliament

To everyone concerned.

For years we have been asking all those who are responsible to ensure that our cancer patients are provided with medication. When it is announced today that even paracetamol should be quota, the regrettable extent may also be evident for those who have tried to reassure us in the past with Sunday speeches.

We urge you, those responsible, to act now. Stand by your citizens and patients:

**1. GENERIC TENDERING AND SHORTAGES:**

*When health systems, hospitals etc issue tenders for supply of a generic medicine, requirements must ensure that at the end of the contracting process there are not less than 2 different manufacturers to provide supply. This would go a long way in reducing the occurrence of generic medicine shortage.*

**2. OBLIGATORY AND ENFORCED REPORTING.**

*Manufacturers must openly report likely supply disruptions at the earliest point that a production and supply issue becomes evident. This is not occurring consistently across Europe to any meaningful extent and means that mitigating actions a health system might take to reduce the impact of the shortage are not able to be taken. Existing EU legislative obligations (e.g. Directive 2001/83/E) could be strengthened in that regard*

**3. MANUFACTURERS WHO SELL IN EUROPE SHOULD PRODUCE IN EUROPE.**

We are waiting for your answer.

Yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Klaus Meier', is located below the 'Yours' text.

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