

UPDATE: Nutrition Shortages Caused by Formula Recall

In February, Abbott Nutrition initiated a voluntary recall of several powder formulas—Similac®, Alimentum®, and EleCare®—that triggered a mass need for appropriate replacement formulas. Additionally, in April Abbott issued a low inventory notice on select PediaSure formulas. These issues have created a national shortage of available formula supply for HME providers like Thrive Skilled Pediatric Care, as well as large distributors and retailers across the country. Media has reported that this has also caused local retail businesses to limit retail purchase amounts in stores.

At Thrive SPC, we are continuously working to review backordered nutrition orders and find potential substitutes for our patients. Our Registered Dietitians are working diligently to provide an up-to-date list of available formulas, as we are now seeing increased shortages and prolonged backorders among the alternative brands. The table below lists approved substitutes for Abbott Nutrition formulas. **Availability of product is not guaranteed, as supply and demand changes daily.**

IMPORTANT: Please be advised that a complete written order from your child's physician is necessary for us to provide an alternate formula. **A complete order must include:** daily caloric intake/needs, method of feed, and any approved substitutes to avoid additional delay in processing and fulfilling orders.

Potential Alternatives/Substitutes

EleCare Infant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfamino Infant • Neocate Infant • Neocate Syneo Infant • Puramino Infant
EleCare Junior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfamino Junior • Compleat Pediatric Peptide 1.5 • Essential Care Junior • EquaCare Junior (Non-Drop Ship Item) • Kate Farms Pediatric Peptide 1.0 or 1.5 • Neocate Junior • Neocate Splash • Peptamen Junior • Puramino Junior
Similac Alimentum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfamino Infant • Enfamil Gentlease • Enfamil Pregestimil • Enfamil Sensitive • Gerber Good Start Extensive HA • Nutramigen Infant
Similac Advance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enfamil Gentlease • Enfamil Infant • Enfamil Sensitive
Similac Pro Advance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enfamil Neuropro Gentlease • Enfamil Neuropro Infant • Enfamil Neuropro Sensitive
Similac Spit Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enfamil AR
Similac Sensitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enfamil Gentlease • Enfamil Neuropro Gentlease • Enfamil Neuropro Sensitive • Gerber Good Start Gentle
Similac Total Comfort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enfamil Neuropro Sensitive • Enfamil ProSobee • Gerber Good Start SoothePro
PediaSure Grow and Gain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutren Jr (tube feeding) • Boost Kid Essentials 1.0 (oral use) • Kate Farms Pediatric Standard 1.2
PediaSure Grow and Gain w/Fiber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutren Jr Fiber
PediaSure 1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutren Jr (tube feeding) • Boost Kid Essentials 1.0 (oral use)
PediaSure 1.0 w/Fiber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutren Jr Fiber
PediaSure 1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost Kid Essentials 1.5 (oral use)
PediaSure 1.5 w/Fiber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutren Jr Fiber