

With decades of experience in addressing changing market conditions, and strong relationships with a global network of trusted suppliers, Myoderm is committed to keeping you informed about issues surrounding clinical trial supply. Should you have questions, we would be happy to assist. We recommend that you also check with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the National Health Service, the World Health Organization and local government websites for the most up-to-date information about the coronavirus situation.



LOGISTICS

Pandemic response continues to affect airfreight capacity in Europe and the rest of the world. Eurocontrol, the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation, reports that the number of flights currently operating across Europe is down 85 percent compared to this time last year.

Some EU countries have begun to ease lockdown restrictions. Flight operations are reopening or expanding at some airports; however, this activity is primarily to accommodate domestic passenger flights and has had minimal impact on airfreight. Other countries have extended their restrictions. India has extended lockdown until May 31. Austria, Czech Republic, Latvia and Lithuania have prohibited non-EU passenger flights until the end of this month.

High global demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) is straining already limited airfreight capacity, especially on flights originating in the Middle East and Latin America.

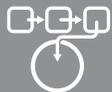
Tips for planning for or preparing shipments

- Ensure that your courier is booking the highest level of airfreight service available. This can help prevent your

cargo from being “bumped” when the aircraft is being loaded.

- Ask your courier to seek alternative routes to your shipment’s final destination. Some airlines are now carrying freight on flights that previously were only for passengers.
- Verify that your commercial invoice and supporting documents match any required import/export permits. Check product description, quantities, permit expiration dates and port of import/export.
- Adding a GPS monitor to high-value and priority orders can be helpful in the event of delays or mis-routed cargo. Ask your courier for the tracking information so you can monitor shipments yourself. In this time, close monitoring is essential.
- Be prepared to reach out to different couriers when planning a shipment. Some may be able to leverage their network and local expertise to gain access to places that other couriers cannot.

Key take-aways: It’s important that your courier is doing everything necessary to ensure that your shipment gets to its destination in a timely manner, despite disruptions to airfreight.



TRIAL PLANNING

Country lockdowns continue to challenge the supply chain. It remains important to plan ahead to procure materials.

Myoderm's Clinical Trial Equipment and Supplies team is seeing several trends among some manufacturers:

- Restricting supply for clinical trials or not taking additional requests for products for use in third-party clinical trials.
- Not approving requests for product for new trials or for uses not approved prior to the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak.
- Denying sample-size requests for products being used to treat COVID-19.
- Requiring trial information before providing a quote for requested supply.
- Limiting large one-time purchases for the remainder of Q2 and possibly into Q3.

Plan ahead to obtain product.

The United Kingdom has revised its export ban to allow exportation of products for clinical trial use. The lockdown in India has caused severe inventory issues for many large manufacturers with a presence in that country. Country closures and remote workforces continue to delay responses to requests for price/availability, documentation and other relevant information, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain accurate lead times.

To address these issues proactively, Myoderm suggests:

- Avoid moving product in and out of countries to source locally when possible, as such movement can increase logistic fees and surcharges.
- When designing protocols, reference the primary active ingredient rather than a specific brand/manufacturer to ensure that your trial submission is not unnecessarily restrictive.
- If product with enough remaining "shelf life" is available to satisfy current use, secure it now due to uncertainty of longer expiration supply availability.

Plan sourcing for ancillary supplies, too.

Around the world, personal protective equipment (PPE) allocations continue to be prioritized for hospitals and medical centers, so we are seeing increasing demand for respirators, surgical masks, coveralls, goggles, disposable face shields, gloves and similar items.

Should you have any questions or concerns about product or ancillary supplies and equipment, our dedicated Clinical Trial Equipment and Supplies team members are available to discuss the ways in which we can assist you during these challenging times.