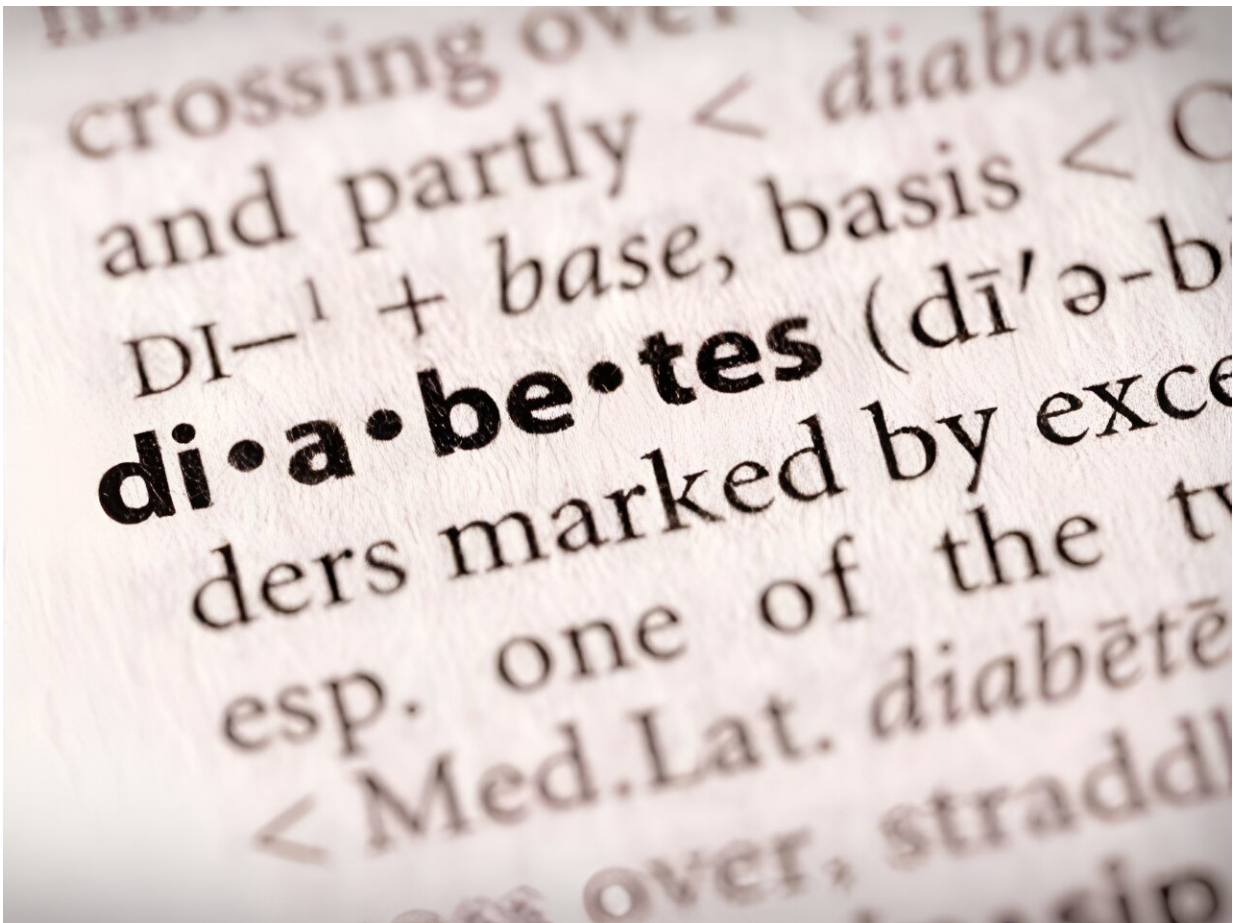


# Eli Lilly warns that two insulin products will be in short supply

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Drugmaker Eli Lilly & Co is announcing a temporary shortage of two of

its insulin products.

"The 10 mL [milliliter] vials of Humalog and Insulin Lispro Injection are or will be temporarily out of stock at wholesalers and some pharmacies through the beginning of April," Lilly said in a recent statement.

The company said it is continuing to make the 10 mL vials, and "will ship them as soon as we can." However, in the meantime patients with [diabetes](#) may need to consult with their doctors "to discuss switching to the same insulin in a prefilled pen or other insulin treatment options," Lilly said.

Switching to another product may be more easily said than done, noted patient advocate Laura Marston. She has type 1 [diabetes](#) and uses Humalog.

Marston told CNN that she uses the vials in her insulin pump. Her [insurance](#) only covers the vials, through a prior authorization process that may be tough to get around.

"If Lilly doesn't fix this fast, I actually don't know what I'm going to do," Marston told CNN.

Lilly said it is offering customers without insurance a coupon program offering insulin for \$35.

"We recognize that any supply challenge may cause a disruption in people's treatment regimens, and we are moving with urgency to address it," its statement said.

"Patients who need insulin immediately and cannot access their [health care provider](#) for an alternative treatment option should seek [emergency care](#)," the company added.

Lilly spokesman Tarsis Lopez told CNN that the "dynamic nature of [insulin](#) supply and demand, coupled with a brief delay in manufacturing, led to the temporary supply constraint."

**More information:** Find out more about insulin at the [American Diabetes Association](#).

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