Guidelines to optimise supply and avoid medicines shortages

1. Showing solidarity
   - Lifting export bans and restrictions
   - Avoiding national stockpiling
   - Avoiding that misinformation leads to improper use and unnecessary stockpiling

2. Ensuring supply
   - Increasing and reorganising production
   - Ensuring manufacturing continues at full capacity
   - Implementing regulatory flexibility
   - Monitoring available stocks at national level
   - Ensuring necessary support to the wholesale sector
   - Fully enforcing the green lanes
   - Facilitating air freight and other forms of transport
   - Ensuring fair distribution of supply
3 Optimal use of medicines in hospitals

- Equitable distribution of available medicines
- Exchanging hospital protocols to treat patients
- Considering alternative medicines on the basis of hospital protocols and national guidelines
- Extending the expiry dates of medicines
- Considering the use of magistral preparations or veterinary medicines
- Encouraging clinical trials for medicines used off label

4 Optimisation of sales in community pharmacies to avoid hoarding

- Introducing measures to reassure persons reliant on medication
- Introducing restrictions on sales in community pharmacies
- Limiting online sales of products at risk