Sodium Bicarbonate Shortage

A kitchen staple and hospital essential, intravenous sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) is used for cardiac procedures, emergency resuscitation, poisonings and a laundry list of other conditions. According to a recent New York Times article, the 2016-7 shortage stems from a combination of supply-demand mismatch and manufacturing challenges. Below are recommendations to guide clinicians, as well as relevant substitution studies.


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