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For Action: Assistant Director Pharmacy and Medicines Management,
HSC Board & BSO
Heads of Pharmacy and Medicines Management of
HSC Trusts
Regulation Quality Improvement Authority

DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

Dear Healthcare Professional

Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd

Zomacton 10mg powder for reconstitution with diluent, Somatropin (rbe)	PL 03194/0104
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Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
CD0382G	Jun-11	1 vial and 1 diluent syringe	13/01/2010
CD0552D	Aug-11	1 vial and 1 diluent syringe	12/05/2010
CD0552G	Nov-11	1 vial and 1 diluent syringe	30/03/2010
CD0640A	Nov-11	1 vial and 1 diluent syringe	18/04/2010
CD0640E	Nov-11	1 vial and 1 diluent syringe	15/06/2010
CD0640K	Nov-11	1 vial and 1 diluent syringe	09/07/2010
CE0192B	Feb-12	1 vial and 1 diluent syringe	30/07/2010
CE0327E	Jun-12	1 vial and 1 diluent syringe	11/11/2010
CE0327G	May-11	1 vial and 1 diluent syringe	18/10/2010
CE0481C	Jun-12	1 vial and 1 diluent syringe	17/12/2010

Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd is recalling all remaining stock of the above batches to wholesaler, pharmacy and clinic level. The preservative levels in a small number of the pre-filled diluent syringes are below specification but remain at levels not expected to pose a significant patient risk. The problem is estimated to affect less than 0.6% of the syringes.

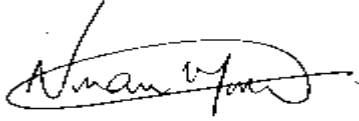
For medical information enquiries please call Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd on 08449 310054.

All unused stock of these batches should be quarantined and should be held in refrigerated condition (2°C to 8°C). Please wait for instructions from the original supplier with regard to returning stock for credit. For enquiries relating to stock returns please call Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd on 08449 310052.

HSC Board/RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them and any other relevant care facilities.

The Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners directly.

Yours sincerely



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