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**Poustie, Resydènter Heisin  
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## **DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL**

Dear Healthcare Professional

**Sanofi-aventis**

**Ditropan Elixir 2.5mg/5ml, 150ml  
(Oxybutynin)**

**PL 04425/0286**

Sanofi-aventis is recalling all unexpired stock of the above product as a precaution due to the detection of low levels of non-pathogenic yeasts in some samples during routine stability testing. No complaints associated with microbial contamination have been received by the company.

We understand that the product is likely to be unavailable for up to 24 months as a result of this recall. Tablet presentations of the product will continue to be available, however.

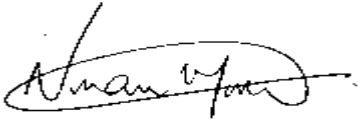
Pharmacists are asked to quarantine all unexpired stocks of the product and return them to the original wholesaler for credit. For further stock enquiries, please contact Sanofi-aventis Customer Services on 0800 854 430.

For medical information enquiries, please contact Sanofi-aventis medical Information on 0800 281 973.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Morrow', written in a cursive style.

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