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Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of HSC Trusts  
Regional Quality Improvement Authority

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## **DRUG ALERT PHARMACY LEVEL RECALL**

Dear Healthcare Professional

**Schering-Plough Ltd**

**IntronA 18 million IU solution for injection EU/1/99/127/031-033**

**IntronA 30 million IU solution for injection EU/1/99/127/034-036**

**IntronA 60 million IU solution for injection EU/1/99/127/037-039**

(Recombinant interferon alfa-2b)

<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Batch Number</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>	<b>First Distributed</b>
IntronA 18MIU Multidose Pen	9IOL10504	Oct 2010	14 Jul 2009
IntronA 18MIU Multidose Pen	9IOL10609	Nov 2010	14 Sep 2009
IntronA 30MIU Multidose Pen	9IOK40308	Oct 2010	01 Oct 2009
IntronA 30MIU Multidose Pen	9IOK40328	Oct 2010	22 Dec 2009
IntronA 60MIU Multidose Pen	9IOM70212	Sep 2010	01 Oct 2009
IntronA 60MIU Multidose Pen	9IOM70316	Sep 2010	23 Nov 2009

Schering-Plough Ltd is recalling the above batches, which have an expiry date of 18 months, as a precautionary measure because the stability of the products after 15 months cannot be assured. All new batches are labelled with a 15 month expiry date and are being supplied through normal wholesaler channels.

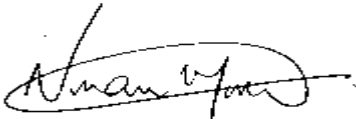
Pharmacists are asked to quarantine any remaining stocks from these batches. Schering-Plough Ltd is writing to wholesalers and hospital pharmacies that may have received these batches and is providing them with instructions on how to return any stock. If you have stock from these batches, and have not heard from Schering-Plough Ltd within five days from receipt of this letter, please either telephone or email Customer Care, tel 01707 36375; email UKCustomercare@spcorp.com.

For Medical Information enquiries, please telephone Schering-Plough Ltd on 01707 363636.

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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