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For Action: Assistant Director Pharmacy and Medicines Management
HSC Board & BSO
Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of HSC Trusts
Regional Quality Improvement Authority

DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

Dear Healthcare Professional,

**AstraZeneca UK Ltd
Citanest 1% Solution for injection
Multi-dose vials 10mg/ml
Prilocaine Hydrochloride
PL 17901/0118**

AstraZeneca UK Ltd are recalling all remaining stock of batches of the above product expiring before the end of 2011. This action is being taken because routine stability testing has indicated that the preservative levels may become too low after 24 months from manufacture.

A list of the batches to be recalled is below.

For medical information enquiries please contact AstraZeneca UK medical information on 0800 783 0033. Any affected batches should be returned via their agents - AAH Pharmaceuticals or Alliance Healthcare where credit will be issued. For any further stock enquiries please contact AstraZeneca UK Supply Chain Team on 0800 032 0501. Recipients of this Drug Alert are requested to bring it to the attention of relevant professionals by copy of this letter. Primary Care Trusts are asked to forward all this document to relevant clinics, GPs and Community Pharmacists.

RECALL

List Of 12 Batches Of Citanest 1% Solution For Injection Multi-Dose Vials 10mg/ML To Be Recalled

Batch number	Expiry date	Pack size	First distributed
FX337	2/12/2011	1X50ML	March 2009
FS216	30/6/2011	1X50ML	January 2009
FP186	29/5/2011	1X50ML	December 2008
FM069	19/5/2011	1X50ML	October 2008
FJ545	26/3/2011	1X50ML	August 2008
FF738	14/12/2010	1X50ML	May 2008
FD238	11/12/2010	1X50ML	March 2008
FA944	5/9/2010	1X50ML	January 2008
EY517	28/8/2010	1X50ML	November 2007
EX030	25/7/2010	1X50ML	October 2007
EV669	2/5/2010	1X50ML	October 2007
EV050	2/5/2010	1X50ML	August 2007

DON'T RECALL

Citanest 1% batches exempt from this recall.

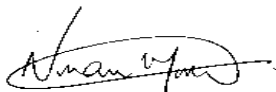
Please note that batches expiring after the end of 2011 **ARE NOT** being recalled at present. The following four batches have been distributed and should remain in use. A recall decision will be made at a later stage.

Batch number	Expiry date
GH649	29/1/2012
GF166	29/1/2012
GD866	29/1/2012
GB188	5/3/2012

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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