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DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

Dear Healthcare Professional

**Genus Pharmaceuticals Ltd
Novgos 3.6mg Implant
Goserelin acetate**

PL 06831/0233

Genus Pharmaceuticals Ltd is temporarily ceasing manufacture of the above product and recalling all remaining stock from pharmacy and wholesaler level. This is due to a small number of problems during implantation and the product is being withdrawn until the implantation system can be made more robust.

There are no known safety concerns when the implantation has been performed according to the approved instructions.

Recipients are requested to quarantine any remaining stock and return it to their original supplier for credit. For enquiries relating to stock returns please call Genus Pharmaceuticals on 01635 568500.

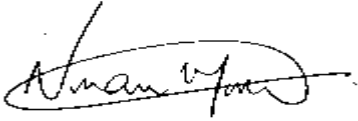
For medical information enquiries please call 0870 8510207.

We have been advised by Genus Pharmaceuticals that this product is not likely to be widely supplied or used by general practitioners or community pharmacists but may be in a small number of cases.

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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