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DRUG ALERT

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR OUR ALERT EL(11)A/32 OF 21 DECEMBER 2011

Dear Healthcare Professional

B.Braun Medical Ltd

NuTRIflex Lipid plus (PL 03551/0029)

NuTRIflex Lipid plus without electrolytes (PL 03551/0030)

NuTRIflex Lipid special (PL 03551/0031)

NuTRIflex Lipid special without electrolytes (PL 03551/0032)

NuTRIflex Lipid peri (PL 03551/0028)

Following our alert PHC/35/2011 issued on 21 December 2011 B.Braun Medical Ltd has advised us that additional batches of NuTRIflex Lipid products may contain particulates and should be subject to the same additional filtration process previously recommended during infusion. A list of the *additional* batches is given in Appendix 1. The earlier advice and list of affected batches remains in operation.

For the batches listed in both this alert and alert PHC/35/2011 issued on 21 December 2011 users are being advised by B.Braun Medical Ltd to use in-line filtration with a 1.2 micron filter containing a membrane that is both bacteria/particulate-retentive and air-eliminating when infusing any of the listed batches of the above NuTRIflex Lipid products. We understand this is in accordance with standard guidelines from the Royal College of Nursing and should not result in any problems during administration.

Suitable filters are being provided by B.Braun Medical Ltd and in future will be despatched with the affected batches. If users have any problems with filter supplies they should contact B.Braun Customer Services on 0114 225 9000 for advice.

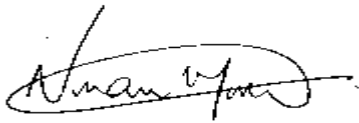
For medical information enquiries, please call B.Braun Medical Information on 0800 298 0299.

We understand that unaffected batches of some products within the NuTRIflex Lipid range are expected to become available around the end of January 2012. We expect to issue revised advice at that time so users are adequately informed.

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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APPENDIX 1

UPDATED INFORMATION ISSUED ON 11 JANUARY 2012.

LIST OF ADDITIONAL NUTRIFLEX BATCHES NEEDING FILTRATION TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LIST ISSUED ON 21 DECEMBER 2011.

Code	Product	Delivery	Batch	Expiry
3627128	NUTRIFLEX LIPID PLUS 1875 ML	29.11.2011	114238051	30.09.2013
3627128	NUTRIFLEX LIPID PLUS 1875 ML	09.01.2012	114558051	31.10.2013
3627217	NUTRIFLEX LIPID PLUS WITHOUT ELECTROLYTES. 1250 ML	03.11.2011	113958051	31.08.2013
3627225	NUTRIFLEX LIPID PLUS WITHOUT ELECTROLYTES 1875 ML	08.11.2011	113958051	31.08.2013
3727233	NUTRIFLEX LIPID PLUS WITHOUT ELECTROLYTES 2500 ML	17.01.2011	0133A151	29.02.2012
3727233	NUTRIFLEX LIPID PLUS WITHOUT ELECTROLYTES 2500 ML	18.10.2011	0216A151	30.04.2012
3627357	NUTRIFLEX LIPID SPECIAL 1875 ML	09.12.2011	114548052	31.10.2013
3627381	NUTRIFLEX LIPID SPECIAL WITHOUT ELECTROLYTES. 1875 ML	08.10.2010	0345A151	31.07.2012
3627381	NUTRIFLEX LIPID SPECIAL WITHOUT ELECTROLYTES. 1875 ML	29.12.2011	114258051	30.09.2013
3627470	NUTRIFLEX LIPID PERI 2500 ML	09.12.2011	114258052	30.09.2013