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General Practitioners

Our reference: PhC/ 10/06
Date: 10 February 2006

DRUG ALERT

MEDICINES RECALL

Dear Sir/Madam

Aventis Pharma

Product: Clexane Syringes
Enoxaparin Sodium 20mg and 40mg Syringes

PL 0012/0196

Batch Number	Strength	Expiry Date	First Distributed
2715	20mg	01/08/2008	04/11/2005
2725	20mg	31/08/2008	28/11/2005
4715	40mg	01/04/2008	18/07/2005
4833	40mg	01/08/2008	10/11/2005
4848	40mg	01/09/2008	11/11/2005

Sanofi-aventis have informed us that a small percentage of 20mg and 40mg syringes contain excessive active ingredient. For batches 4715 and 4833 we have been told that about 99% of the units are in specification but some units may contain up to 65 percent overage. In the remaining batches Sanofi-aventis inform us that about 99% of the units are in specification but some units may contain up to 30 percent overage. We have been informed that no other strengths distributed in the UK are affected.

Recipients are asked to attempt to recover syringes from patients.

Medical advice from Sanofi-aventis is that immediate haemorrhage is unlikely. If patients are concerned about any symptoms they should seek medical attention via the normal routes.

Remaining stock should be quarantined and returned to normal suppliers for credit or replacement. Sanofi-aventis have informed us that there is a reasonable amount of replacement stock available.

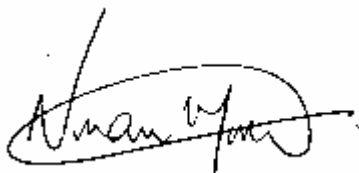
For medical enquiries please telephone Sanofi-aventis Medical Information on 0800 281 973.

For stock returns please telephone Sanofi-aventis Customer Services on 0800 854 430.

Area Boards/RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals registered with them and out of hours centres.

The Central Services Agency is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Practitioners immediately.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Morrow', written over a horizontal line.

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