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**For Action:** Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of the Boards & CSA  
Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of H&SS Trusts

## **DRUG ALERT**

### **MEDICINES RECALL**

Dear Sir/Madam

**AURUM PHARMACEUTICALS LTD**

**Ephedrine Hydrochloride Pre-filled Syringe 3mg/ml**

**PL 12064/0043**

<b>Batch Number</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>	<b>Pack Size</b>	<b>First Distributed</b>
<b>315480</b>	<b>08 2007</b>	<b>Single syringe in plastic box</b>	<b>23 November 2005</b>

Aurum Pharmaceuticals Ltd are recalling the above lot of product due to the discovery of an Ephedrine Hydrochloride syringe in a plastic box erroneously identified as Atropine Sulphate Injection BP 3mg in 10ml, screen-printed on the centre of the longest panel. Please note, the tamper-evident paper seal on the end of the plastic box is correct and refers to Ephedrine Hydrochloride. The syringe inside is correctly labeled as Ephedrine Hydrochloride. Stocks of both Ephedrine Hydrochloride Injection and Atropine Sulphate Injection should therefore be checked.

Recipients are requested to quarantine any remaining stock and return it to their supplier for credit.

For all queries relating to stock return, please call Cardinal Health/Martindale Pharmaceuticals Customer Services on 01277 266608.

For medical enquiries please contact, Cardinal Health/Martindale Pharmaceuticals Medical Information on 01708 382791.

Trust Pharmacy Managers are particularly asked to bring this to the attention of Accident and Emergency Departments and Ambulance staff.

Area Boards 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 Dispensing Doctors immediately.

Yours sincerely

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