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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

MERCK PHARMACEUTICALS LTD

Slozem Capsules 300mg
Diltiazem Hydrochloride

PL 11648/0042

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
50709	03/2008	28	November 2005

Merck Pharmaceuticals Ltd are recalling the above lot due to the discovery of an error for the stated active ingredient content on the product foil. Some packs incorrectly state the active content as 240mg instead of 300mg. We understand that only the foil is affected and the error only applies to a proportion of the batch.

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 Precision Recall Services on 01284 717693.

For medical enquiries please contact, Merck Pharmaceuticals Medical Information on 01895 452307.

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 within 5 days.

Yours sincerely

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