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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

**POLYFARMA LTD**

**Tegretol Retard Tablets 400mg (Parallel Import)**  
**Carbamazepine**

**PL 17211/0242**

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
T5514	02/2008	30	19/10/2005
T5541	04/2008	30	16/11/2005

Polyfarma Ltd are recalling the above batches as the blister strips inside the carton are incorrectly overlabelled as Tegretol in place of Tegretol Retard. We have been informed that there are no errors in the carton labeling.

The SPC states that Tegretol Retard tablets are not recommended for children under 5 years and highlights several other concerns in switching patients between these formulations.

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 Polyfarma Customer Services on 0800 220280. For medical enquiries please contact, Debbie Ward at Polyfarma on 01233 638614.

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 all General Practitioners within 48 hours.

Yours sincerely

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