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Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of H&SS Trusts

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DRUG ALERT

MEDICINES RECALL

Dear Sir/Madam

Schwarz Pharma Ltd

Product : Isoket 50ml Vials
Isosorbide Dinitrate 0.05 & 0.1%

PL 04438/0001 & PL 04438/0017

ALL 50ML VIAL BATCHES

This notification concerns Isoket and is an additional notification to EL(06)A/08 issued yesterday for Nitrocine

Schwarz Pharma have informed us that an impurity from the rubber stopper has been identified in the solution in stability test samples and have decided to recall all vials in the marketplace. **This notification only applies to vials. Schwarz Pharma also supply Isoket ampoules (in the 0.1% strength only) which are not affected and are not being recalled.**

All Isoket presentations are supplied under the two PL numbers listed above. The company are planning to supply additional ampoules to the marketplace to help with the supply situation.

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

For medical enquiries and information relating to stock returns please telephone Schwarz Pharma on 01494 797500.

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 within 48 hours

Yours sincerely

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