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DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

Quadrant Pharmaceuticals Limited
Clexane 40mg/0.4ml pre-filled syringe (Parallel Import)
(Enoxaparin 40mg/0.4ml pre-filled syringe)
PLPI 20774/0678

Batch No	Expiry date	Pack size	First distributed to wholesalers
08011	February 2011	10x0.4ml pre-filled syringe	29th May 2008

Quadrant Pharmaceuticals Limited is recalling the above batch of Clexane 40mg/0.4ml because it is contaminated with a low level of Over Sulphated Chondroitin Sulphate (OSCS).

A series of drug alerts were issued in 2008 related to Clexane and OSCS contamination. We understand that contamination levels in batch 08011 are not as high as those listed in PhC/05/08 referring to parallel imports (issued on 9 May 2008). However contamination-free stocks of originator and parallel imported product have been available for several months and there is no reason or justification for any contaminated material to remain in the supply chain

Recipients are asked to quarantine any remaining stock and return it via their wholesaler for credit. For medical information and stock return enquiries please contact Quadrant on 01204 473136

It is possible that batch 08011 may have been imported by other Parallel Importers. The batch number may have been modified by the addition of a prefix or a suffix. Please contact the DMRC on 0207 084 2574 if this batch is identified in any other livery.

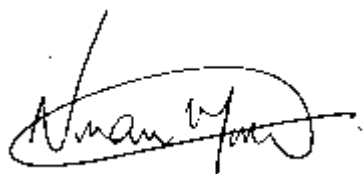
Further advice will be issued to Parallel Importers within the next few days.

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring this information to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter.

Area Boards/RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them, Out of Hours Centres and any other relevant care facilities.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Morrow', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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