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For Action: Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of the Boards & CSA
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Regional Quality Improvement Authority

Our reference: PHC/18/08
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DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

**Class 2 medicines recall
Action within 48 hours
Pharmacy level recall**

**Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd
Oramorph Oral Solution
(Each 5ml contains 10mg Morphine Sulphate BP)
PL 00015/0122**

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
833206A	30/09/2011	100ml	16/10/2008
833207A	30/09/2011	100ml	27/10/2008
833208A	30/09/2011	100ml	05/11/2008
833209A	30/09/2011	100ml	13/11/2008
832873B	31/08/2011	300ml	23/09/2008
833210A	30/09/2011	300ml	20/10/2008
833214A	30/09/2011	500ml	21/10/2008
833215A	30/09/2011	500ml	07/10/2008
833216A	30/09/2011	500ml	28/10/2008
833217A	30/09/2011	500ml	11/11/2008

Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd are recalling all remaining stock of the above batches due to several complaints regarding deviation in taste and some non-serious adverse events.

We understand that this product is used in hospitals and is also supplied via community pharmacies.

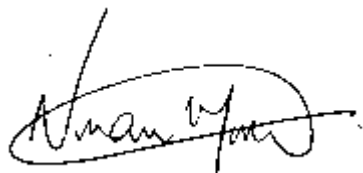
All unused stock of the above batches should be quarantined and returned for credit via the original supplier. For returns and credit enquiries, please contact Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd. on 01344 741191.

Medical information can be obtained from the Medical Information Department, Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd via their switchboard, 01344 424600.

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 flourish.

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