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

Our reference: PHC/22/08
Date: 12 December 2008

DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

Action within 48 hours
Pharmacy level recall

Dear Healthcare Professional

Genus Pharmaceuticals Limited
Tensipine MR 10mg tablets
(Nifedipine)
PL 06831/0048

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
28003	12/2011	56	14/05/2008

Genus Pharmaceuticals Limited have informed the MHRA that in a very small number of cases, blisters containing Tensipine MR 10mg from batch 28003 have inadvertently been packed in 20mg cartons. The affected 20mg cartons bear the same batch number, 28003.

Pharmacists are asked to check the batch numbers of stocks of Tensipine MR 20mg. Any cartons embossed with the batch number 28003 should be quarantined and returned via the original supplier for credit.

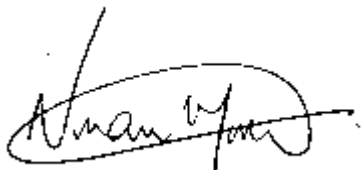
Please note that cartons of **Tensipine MR 10mg** with the same lot number (28003) are **not** included in this recall and should not be returned.

For stock return enquiries, please contact Genus Pharmaceuticals Customer Services on 01635 568400. For Medical Information enquiries, please contact 0870 8510207.

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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