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DRUG ALERT DRUG SAFETY INFORMATION

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Sanofi-aventis

Phenergan Elixir, PL 04425/0630, 100ml packs

Sanofi-aventis have informed the MHRA that the text on the current carton for Phenergan Elixir 5mg/5ml, 100ml may cause some confusion to diabetic patients. The statement 'sugar-free' is printed on the front panel and one side panel of the carton and the warning 'not suitable for diabetics' is printed on the other side panel of the carton.

The product does not contain sucrose, glucose or fructose, so technically it is sugar-free and there is no risk of dental caries. It does contain hydrogenated glucose, however, which is not suitable for diabetic patients.

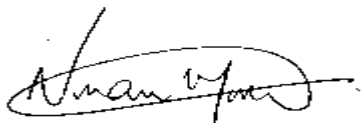
Sanofi-aventis are in the process of reviewing and revising the labelling for this product. In the mean time, we would ask pharmacists to ensure that this information is brought to the attention of patients when supplying the product.

For further information please telephone Sanofi-aventis Medical Information on 01483 505515.

HSC Board/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 Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners directly.

Yours sincerely



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