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**For Action:** Assistant Director Pharmacy and Medicines Management,  
HSC Board & BSO  
Heads of Pharmacy and Medicines Management of  
HSC Trusts  
Regulation Quality Improvement Authority

## **DRUG ALERT**

### **MEDICINES RECALL**

#### **CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL**

Dear Healthcare Professional

**GABA GMBH (Distributor Colgate-Palmolive (UK) Ltd)**  
**Colgate Periogard 0.2% Oromucosal Solution**  
**Chlorhexidine Digluconate**

**PL 3137/0001**

<b>Batch number</b>	<b>Expiry date</b>	<b>Pack size</b>	<b>First distributed</b>
9196CHG11B	Jan 2012	300ml	Aug 2009
9197CHG11B	Jan 2012	300ml	Sep 2009
9198CHG11B	Jan 2012	300ml	Aug 2009
0103CHG12B	Oct 2012	300ml	Apr 2010
0103CHG11B	Oct 2012	300ml	May 2010
0104CHG11B	Oct 2012	300ml	Apr 2010
0155CHG11B	Dec 2012	300ml	Jul 2010
0158CHG11B	Dec 2012	300ml	Jul 2010
0158CHG12B	Dec 2012	300ml	Jul 2010
0250CHG11B	Jan 2013	300ml	Sep 2010
1068CHG11B	Aug 2013	300ml	Mar 2011
1069CHG11B	Aug 2013	300ml	Mar 2011
1236CHG11B	Jan 2014	300ml	Oct 2011
1237CHG11B	Jan 2014	300ml	Oct 2011

Colgate-Palmolive (UK) Ltd is recalling the above batches because microbial contamination with a Burkholderia species has been detected in some batches. All unexpired batches are being recalled as a precaution.

There have been no reports of illness associated with this issue. However, Burkholderia species can cause infection in individuals with a compromised immune system, or those with chronic lung conditions such as cystic fibrosis. There is little medical risk to healthy individuals.

Consumers are asked to contact Colgate-Palmolive (UK) Ltd on 00 800 321 321 32 for details on how to return product. Pharmacists are asked to quarantine all unexpired stock of the product and return it to their original wholesaler.

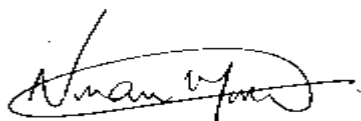
For medical information enquiries, please call Colgate-Palmolive (UK) Ltd on 01483 464513. For queries relating to stock return please contact your wholesaler. If further information is required, please contact 00 800 321 321 32.

As this product is a GSL medicine, Colgate-Palmolive (UK) Ltd, in consultation with the Medicines Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, has expanded the scope of this recall to include patient level notification. This notification will be supported by press notifications by the marketing authorisation holder and the MHRA.

HSC Board/RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them and any other relevant care facilities.

The Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists, Dental Practitioners and General Medical Practitioners directly.

Yours sincerely



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