

IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:

1. Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health
2. Chief Pharmacists, NHS Boards
3. Hospital Pharmacy Managers
4. Medical Directors NHS Boards

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Dear Healthcare Professional,

**DRUG ALERTS NOS 18 & 19 2007: CLASS 2**

Please find attached drug safety information from the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) for onward transmission (see list below).

1. Please could Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health/Directors of Pharmacy forward this alert to:-
  - Community Pharmacists
  - Chief Pharmacists to forward on to Medicines Information Pharmacists
2. Please could Medical Directors forward the message on to:-
  - General Practitioners
  - Dispensing Doctors
  - Chief Executives, NHS Boards

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

IRENE FOSTER  
Pharmacy Division

\* NB: Drug alerts have the following classifications:

1. Action now (including out-of-hours);
2. Action within 48 hours;
3. Action within 5 days;
4. Caution in use

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## **DRUG ALERT**

**CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL**

**Action within 48 Hours**  
**PHARMACY (or equivalent) LEVEL RECALL**

**Date: 1 November 2007**

**EL(07)A/18**

**Our Ref: MDR 25-10/07**

Dear Healthcare Professional,

**DDSA Pharmaceuticals Ltd**

**PL 00225/5097R**

**Bisacodyl 5mg tablets in Almus Livery**

**DDSA Pharmaceuticals Ltd are recalling any remaining stock of the above products due to multiple GMP failures at their contract manufacturer.** We understand this stock has only been supplied in containers of 500 tablets.

Recipients are requested to quarantine any remaining stock and return it to their supplier for credit.

For further information please telephone Dr David Solomon 020 7835 5990.

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring this information to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. Primary Care Trusts are asked to bring this information to the attention of relevant clinics, General Practitioners and Community Pharmacists by copy of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Holloway

DMRC Manager

**MHRA Distribution:**

Regional Contacts for NHS Trusts and Provider Units  
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Prison Health Policy Unit (DH)  
Medical Supplies Agency (MOD)  
Chief Pharmacists: Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, Isle of Man, Gibraltar  
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Class 2 Drug Alert (action within 48  
hours): Chatfield Pharmaceuticals Ltd -  
Atenolol 25, 50 & 100mg Tablets -  
EL(07)A/19

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**DRUG ALERT**

Class 2 medicines recall

Action within 48 hours

Pharmacy (or equivalent) level recall

01 November 2007

EL(07)A/19

Our ref: MDR 25-10/07

<b>Chatfield Pharmaceuticals Ltd</b> <b>Atenolol 25, 50 &amp; 100mg Tablets</b>	<b>PL 2142/0038</b> <b>PL 2142/0039</b> <b>PL 2142/0040</b>
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**Chatfield Pharmaceuticals Ltd are recalling any remaining stock of the above products due to multiple GMP failures at their contract manufacturer.** We understand this stock has only been supplied in packs of 28 tablets.

Recipients are requested to quarantine any remaining stock and return it to their supplier for credit.

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