

IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:

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

Dear Healthcare Professional,

DRUG ALERTs NO 22 and 23 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

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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: 15 November 2007

EL(07)A/22

Our Ref: MDR 12-11/07

Dear Healthcare Professional,

FDC International Ltd

PL 15872/0007

Betaxolol Hydrochloride eye drops 0.5%

FDC International Ltd are recalling any remaining stock of the above product due to rough surfaces on the bottle delivery tip. Product has been distributed solely in FDC livery.

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

For further information please telephone Mr Santosh Amoncar at FDC International on 01329 841560.

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

MHRA DMRC Manager

Footnote

Please note EL(07)A/21 is currently reserved and may be issued out-of-sequence after this alert.

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