

IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:

1. Directors of Pharmacy
2. Chief Pharmacists, NHS Boards
3. Hospital Pharmacy Managers
4. Chief Executives NHS Boards

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Dear Healthcare Professional,

**DRUG ALERT NO 17 2008 – 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 Directors of Pharmacy forward this alert to:-
  - Hospital pharmacists
  - Chief Pharmacists to forward on to Medicines Information Pharmacists
  - Community 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 FAZAKERLEY  
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

**Safeguarding public health**  
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## **DRUG ALERT**

### **CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL**

**Action Within 48 Hours**  
**PHARMACY LEVEL RECALL**

Date: 26 November 2008

EL (08)A/17

Our Ref: MDR 64-11/08

Dear Healthcare Professional,

### **Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd**

#### **Oramorph Oral Solution 10mg/5ml**

**PL 00015/0122**

**(Each 5ml contains 10mg Morphine Sulphate BP )**

<b>Batch Number</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>	<b>Pack Size</b>	<b>First Distributed</b>
833206A	30/09/2011	100ml	16/10/2008
833207A	30/09/2011	100ml	27/10/2008
833208A	30/09/2011	100ml	05/11/2008
833209A	30/09/2011	100ml	13/11/2008
832873B	31/08/2011	300ml	23/09/2008
833210A	30/09/2011	300ml	20/10/2008
833214A	30/09/2011	500ml	21/10/2008
833215A	30/09/2011	500ml	07/10/2008
833216A	30/09/2011	500ml	28/10/2008
833217A	30/09/2011	500ml	11/11/2008

Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd are recalling all remaining stock of the above batches due to several complaints regarding deviation in taste and some non-serious adverse events.

We understand that this product is used in hospitals and is also supplied via community pharmacies.

#### **MHRA Distribution:**

Regional Contacts for NHS Trusts and Provider Units

Chief Pharmacists: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland

Prison Health Policy Unit (DH)

Chief Pharmacists: Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, Isle of Man, Gibraltar

Special Hospitals

Healthcare Commission for distribution to Independent Health Care Establishments

Primary Care Trusts (England)

#### **Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency**

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All unused stock of the above batches should be quarantined and returned for credit via the original supplier. For returns and credit enquiries, please contact Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd. on 01344 741191.

Medical information can be obtained from the Medical Information Department, Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd via their switchboard, 01344 424600.

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring this 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, Community Pharmacists and General Practitioners by copy of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Ian Holloway  
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