

IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:

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

Dear Healthcare Professional,

DRUG ALERT NO 21 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

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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



Safeguarding public health

**Defective Medicines Report Centre
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DRUG ALERT

CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL

Action Within 48 Hours

PHARMACY LEVEL RECALL

Date: 11 December 2008

EL (08)A/21

Our Ref: MDR 10-12/08

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Genus Pharmaceuticals Limited

Tensipine MR 10mg tablets

PL 06831/0048

(Nifedipine)

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
28003	12/2011	56	14/05/2008

Genus Pharmaceuticals Limited have informed the MHRA that in a very small number of cases, blisters containing Tensipine MR 10mg from batch 28003 have inadvertently been packed in 20mg cartons. The affected 20mg cartons bear the same batch number, 28003.

Pharmacists are asked to check the batch numbers of stocks of Tensipine MR 20mg. Any cartons embossed with the batch number 28003 should be quarantined and returned via the original supplier for credit.

Please note that cartons of **Tensipine MR 10mg** with the same lot number (28003) are **not** included in this recall and should not be returned.

For stock return enquiries, please contact Genus Pharmaceuticals Customer Services on 01635 568400. For Medical Information enquiries, please contact 0870 8510207.

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

Alison Bunce

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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)

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