

IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:

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

Dear Healthcare Professional,

DRUG ALERT NO 3 – CLASS 3

Please find attached revised drug safety information from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory agency (MHRA) for onward transmission (see list below)

1. Please could all Directors of Pharmacy forward this alert to:-
 - Hospital Pharmacists
 - Chief Pharmacists to forward on to Medicines Information Pharmacists
2. Please could Medical Directors forward this alert to:-
 - General Practitioners
 - Relevant Clinics
 - Chief Executives of NHS Boards

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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DRUG ALERT

CLASS 3 MEDICINES RECALL

Action Within 5 Days PHARMACY AND WHOLESALER LEVEL RECALL

Date: 2 February 2011

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Our Ref: MDR 03-02/11

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd

Mobic Suppositories 7.5 and 15mg

PL 14598/0007 & PL 14598/0001

Meloxicam

Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd are ceasing manufacture of the above products and recalling all remaining unexpired stock. This is due to concerns that the product may not fully meet stability requirements when it is nearing the stated expiry date.

Recipients are requested to quarantine any remaining stock and return it to their original wholesaler for credit. For enquiries relating to stock returns please call Boehringer Ingelheim on 01344 741101.

For medical information enquiries please call Boehringer Ingelheim on 01344 742579.

Recipients of this Drug Alert are requested to bring it to the attention of relevant professionals by copy of this letter. Primary Care Trusts are asked to forward this document to General Practitioners, Community Pharmacists and relevant clinics.

Yours faithfully

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