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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 CLASS 2 NO 36 – IMMEDIATE FOR ACTION**

Please see the attached drug alert for onward transmission as below.  
Could all Directors of Pharmacy please forward this alert to:-

- Community Pharmacists
- Hospital Pharmacists
- Chief Pharmacists to forward on to Medicines Information Pharmacists

1. Please could Medical Directors forward this alert to:-

- General Practitioners
- Accident & Emergency Departments
- Directors of Public Health
- Relevant Clinics
- Chief Executives of NHS Board

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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## DRUG ALERT

### CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL

#### Action Within 48 Hours PHARMACY AND EQUIVALENT LEVEL RECALL

Date: 10 December 2012

EL (12)A/36

Our Ref: MDR 55-11/12

Dear Healthcare Professional,

### Chauvin Pharmaceuticals Limited

#### Minims Proxymetacaine hydrochloride 0.5%w/v, PL 00033/0151 Eye Drops (Bausch & Lomb livery)

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
F50052	July 2014	1 x 20	8 October 2012

Bausch & Lomb is recalling the above batch because black particles have been identified in some packs. Initial investigations suggest that the contaminant is printing ink, in which case we understand that the risk of toxicity is low. No other batches of this or any other product are affected.

Healthcare Professionals are asked to quarantine remaining stock and contact the wholesaler from which it was obtained to arrange uplift and replacement. For stock enquiries please contact Bausch & Lomb Customer Service Team on 0208 7812991.

For medical information enquiries, please contact 'Professional Information' on 01748 828864.

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. Primary care trusts are asked to forward this to General Practitioners, Community Pharmacists, Optometrists and relevant clinics.

Yours faithfully

Alison Bunce

Pharmaceutical Assessor, DMRC

#### 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  
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