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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

3 December 2014

Dear Healthcare Professional,

DRUG ALERT CLASS 4 no 18 2014 – Caution in Use

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

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

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 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION

Caution in Use
Distribute to Hospital Pharmacy, Clinic and Ward Level

Date: 03 December 2014

EL (14)A/18

Our Ref: MDR 39-11/14

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Fannin (UK) Limited

Heparin Sodium 100IU/ml I.V. flush solution

PL 20417/0108

Kent Pharmaceuticals Ltd, distributor of the above product on behalf of the Marketing Authorisation Holder, Fannin (UK) Limited, has notified us of an error on the cartons of all batches distributed since 12 November 2014 as follows:

- The text on all faces of the carton states that the product is preservative free whereas the product actually contains three preservative excipients, including Benzyl Alcohol.
- The preservative excipients are not listed on the carton as they should be.

The information contained in the SPC and the PIL for the product is correct.

In order to avoid stock disruption, distribution of affected stock will continue until product with corrected cartons is available. Corrected stock is expected to be supplied to the market during February/March 2015.

Please note: This product should not be used in premature babies and neonates because Benzyl Alcohol is contraindicated in these groups.

Further Information

For further enquiries, please telephone Kent Pharmaceuticals Ltd Medical Information on 0800 1693892 or 01233 506574

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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