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**IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:**

1. Directors of Pharmacy
2. Medical Directors NHS Boards

3 September 2018

Dear Healthcare Professional,

**DRUG ALERT CLASS 4 no 14 2018 – MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION CAUTION IN USE**

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
- Primary Care 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

**IRENE FAZAKERLEY**  
**Medicines Policy Team**



## **DRUG ALERT**

### **CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION**

**Caution in Use**  
**Distribute to Pharmacy and Clinic Level**

Date: 03 September 2018

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Dear Healthcare Professional,

**Company name: Daiichi Sankyo UK Limited**

<b>Olmetec 20mg Film-Coated Tablets</b>	<b>PL 08265/0016</b>
<b>Olmesartan Medoxomil</b>	

<b>Batch Number</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>	<b>Pack Size</b>	<b>First Distributed</b>
293721	01 2021	1 x 28	13 Jun 2018
293820	01 2021	1 x 28	n/a

Daiichi Sankyo UK Limited has informed us that there is an error on the blister foil of the above batches of Olmetec 20mg Film-Coated Tablets, please see photograph in Appendix 1. An additional ingredient, Hydrochlorothiazide, is listed under the product name. The wording on the carton and in the Patient Information Leaflet is correct and the tablets in the foils are confirmed to be Olmetec 20mg Film-Coated tablets.

To ensure continuity of supply, affected stock is not being recalled. Distribution of the above batches will cease once unaffected stock is available, however. It is anticipated that new batches will be available during week commencing 24 September.

For general enquiries please contact [info@daiichi-sankyo.co.uk](mailto:info@daiichi-sankyo.co.uk), tel 01753 893600

For medical information enquiries contact [medinfo@daiichi-sankyo.co.uk](mailto:medinfo@daiichi-sankyo.co.uk), tel 0800 028 5122

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. NHS Regional teams are asked to forward this to community pharmacists, relevant clinics and dispensing general practitioners. It is not necessary to forward this notice to non-dispensing GPs.

Yours faithfully

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## Appendix 1

