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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

28 January 2010

Dear Healthcare Professional,
DRUG ALERT NO 2 – CLASS 3

Please find attached 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:-

- Community Pharmacists
- 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 LEVEL RECALL**

Date: 28 January 2010

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Our Ref: MDR 33-10/09

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Schering-Plough Ltd

IntronA 18 million IU solution for injection

EU/1/99/127/031-033

IntronA 30million IU solution for injection

EU/1/99/127/034-036

IntronA 60 million IU solution for injection

EU/1/99/127/037-039

(Recombinant interferon alfa-2b)

Presentation	Batch Number	Expiry Date	First Distributed
IntronA 18MIU Multidose Pen	9IOL10504	Oct 2010	14 Jul 2009
IntronA 18MIU Multidose Pen	9IOL10609	Nov 2010	14 Sep 2009
IntronA 30MIU Multidose Pen	9IOK40308	Oct 2010	01 Oct 2009
IntronA 30MIU Multidose Pen	9IOK40328	Oct 2010	22 Dec 2009
IntronA 60MIU Multidose Pen	9IOM70212	Sep 2010	01 Oct 2009
IntronA 60MIU Multidose Pen	9IOM70316	Sep 2010	23 Nov 2009

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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)

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

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Schering-Plough Ltd is recalling the above batches, which have an expiry date of 18 months, as a precautionary measure because the stability of the products after 15 months cannot be assured. All new batches are labelled with a 15 month expiry date and are being supplied through normal wholesaler channels.

Pharmacists are asked to quarantine any remaining stocks from these batches. Schering-Plough Ltd is writing to wholesalers and hospital pharmacies that may have received these batches and is providing them with instructions on how to return any stock. If you have stock from these batches, and have not heard from Schering-Plough Ltd within five days from receipt of this letter, please either telephone or email Customer Care, tel 01707 36375; email UKCustomercare@spcorp.com.

For Medical Information enquiries, please telephone Schering-Plough Ltd on 01707 363636

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 relevant clinics and to General Practitioners and Community Pharmacists for information.

Yours faithfully

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