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Dear Colleague

MHRA DRUG SAFETY UPDATE: Filters should be used during the administration of Parenteral Nutrition for patients in all care settings

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued the below Drug Safety Update.

Healthcare Professionals are asked to note and action the advice for healthcare professionals, advice for healthcare professionals to provide to patients, and recommendations contained within the Drug Safety Update.

Please find the link to the complete **MHRA Drug Safety Update** included below:

[Filters should be used during the administration of Parenteral Nutrition for patients in all care settings](#)

Administration of parenteral nutrition without a filter has been associated with a number of adverse incidents including an embolism which resulted in a fatal outcome. Healthcare professionals are advised to use integrated or add-on filters during the administration of parenteral nutrition for patients in all care settings. All parenteral nutrition solutions should be administered via a filter with a pore size no larger than 1.2µm. Where available, it is good practice to administer aqueous/lipid-free parenteral nutrition solutions with a 0.2µm filter.

Reporting advice

Healthcare professionals, patients, and caregivers are asked to submit reports using the Yellow Card scheme electronically using:

- the [Yellow Card website](#).
- the Yellow Card app; download from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#)
- some clinical IT systems for healthcare professionals

When reporting suspected adverse drug reactions, please provide as much information as possible, including information about medical history, any concomitant medication, onset timing, and treatment dates.

This advice has also been disseminated by the Northern Ireland Central Alert System (NICAS) as a Device Safety Information (DSI) to Medical Device Liaison Officers of the HSC Trusts and other registered users. The information is available here [Device Safety Information](#).

For queries or more information, please contact info@mhra.gov.uk.

You can subscribe to the MHRA Safety Roundup bulletin [here](#). The latest MHRA Safety Roundup is available at the following link: [MHRA Safety Roundup](#).

Yours sincerely



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