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Dear Colleague

MHRA DRUG SAFETY UPDATE: IXCHIQ Chikungunya vaccine: UK marketing authorisation withdrawn following safety review

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 and advice for healthcare professionals to provide to patients, contained within the Drug Safety Update.

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

IXCHIQ Chikungunya vaccine: UK marketing authorisation withdrawn following safety review

Following advice from the Commission on Human Medicines (CHM), the MHRA has concluded that the benefit-risk balance for the IXCHIQ chikungunya vaccine is no longer considered favourable and the UK marketing authorisation has been withdrawn. Healthcare professionals should no longer prescribe or administer the IXCHIQ vaccine and should instead consider alternative measures to reduce the risk of chikungunya infection in individuals travelling to affected areas.

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

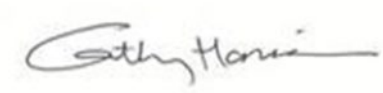
When reporting suspected adverse drug reactions, please provide as much information as possible, including information about medical history, any concomitant medication, onset timing, and treatment dates.

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

You can subscribe to the MHRA new Safety Roundup bulletin here. The latest MHRA Safety Roundup is available at the following link: **MHRA Safety Roundup**.

Yours sincerely





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