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## DRUG ALERT CLASS 3 MEDICINES RECALL

Action within 5 days

### Pharmacy, Wholesale Level Recall

Dear Healthcare Professional

### **Accord Healthcare Limited**

# Irinotecan Hydrochloride Concentrate for Solution for Infusion 20mg/ml PL 20075/0443 (5ml vial)

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
X21343	10/2021	1 x 5ml vial	11/03/2019

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient: irinotecan hydrochloride

### Brief description of the problem

Accord Healthcare Limited is recalling the above batch as a precautionary measure, due to the observation of precipitation in the solution in the same batch marketed in another country (Malta). No complaints or adverse reaction reports have been received by the company to date for the UK product.

### Advice for healthcare professionals

Stop supplying the above batch immediately. Quarantine all remaining stock and return these to your supplier using your supplier's approved process.

#### **Further Information**

For more information or medical information queries, please contact: Medinfo-BST Tel: 01271 385257 E-mail: medinfo@accord-healthcare.com For stock control queries, please contact: Accord-UK Ltd Customer Services Team Tel: 0800 373573 E-mail: <u>customerservices@accord-healthcare.com</u> Fax: 01271 346106

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

RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them and any other relevant care facilities

The Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners directly.

Yours sincerely

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