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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses**Re: Sulpiride 200mg/5ml syrup (40mg/ml)**

It is being brought to your attention that the new stock of sulpiride syrup available within the National Health Services, Sulpor®, has a higher concentration than the formulation normally available. Each 5ml Sulpor® syrup contains 200mg sulpiride (40mg/ml). This is 8 times the strength of Guastil® syrup. This high dose syrup has been procured due to the lack of supply of Guastil® syrup.

According to the Summary of Product Characteristics, clinical experience in children under the age of 14 years of age is insufficient to permit specific recommendations. Therefore, this preparation cannot be used in paediatric patients under 14 years of age unless an off-licence form is filled in.

Caution should be exercised when prescribing the dose. To prevent accidental overdose, persons collecting this medicine should be informed of the change in dose.

For your attention, please

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