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**Attention All:** Consultants  
Medical Officers  
Pharmacists  
Pharmacy Technicians  
Nurses

**Re: Chloral Hydrate 143mg/5mL Oral Solution**

It is being brought to your attention that the new stock of chloral hydrate oral solution available within the National Health Services has a concentration of **143mg chloral hydrate in 5mL** (product code RW005) and is available in 150mL bottles. This will replace the chloral hydrate 500mg/5mL solution (product code RW006).

Chloral hydrate 143mg/mL oral solution is available as a licensed preparation.

To avoid dispensing and drug administration errors, stock of chloral hydrate 143mg/5mL oral solution should only be used when the stock of chloral hydrate 500mg/5mL oral solution is depleted.

Caution should be exercised when prescribing the dose of chloral hydrate. It is recommended that to prevent accidental overdose, prescriptions are written in terms of total **milligrams** per dose rather than the volume of drug per dose.

For your attention please.

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