

17 February 2014

To all Optometrists,
Dispensing Opticians and
Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners
Providing General Ophthalmic Services

Dear Colleague

DRUG ALERT RECALL OF CLASS 2 MEDICINES.
Action Within 48 Hours
Pharmacy, Clinic and Wholesaler Level Recall

Please find attached a Drug Alert from the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer.

Merck Sharp & Dohme Limited

**COSOPT Preservative-Free, 20mg/ml +5mg/ml,
eye drops, solution, single-dose container
(Dorzolamide / Timolol)**

PL 00025/0698

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
MK13D002	30 Apr 2015	60 single dose containers	09 Sep 2013
MK13D004	30 Apr 2015	60 single dose containers	04 Jul 2013

Merck Sharp and Dohme is recalling the above batches due to an increase in the number of adverse events and product complaints relating to difficulties with administration received following the introduction of this 'winged' presentation in July 2013. A modified design of pipette, which has wings set back from the tip and a more prominent conical tip, has now been introduced as an interim measure to address complaints with the 'winged' container. The 'winged' presentation is therefore being withdrawn.

Providing Support to Health and Social Care

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Pharmacists are asked to quarantine any remaining stocks of the above batches and return them to the original wholesaler for credit. For stock enquiries please contact MSD Customer Care on 01992 452094.

For medical information enquiries, please contact MSD Medical information services on 01992 467272.