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Dear Healthcare Professional,

IMMEDIATE RECALL OF BELTOCIN AND VERNETOCIN (OXYTOCIN) INJECTIONS 10IU/ML

The Food and Drugs Authority would like to bring to your notice that it has ordered the **immediate recall of all batches of Beltocin and Vernetocin Injections (Oxytocin 10iu/ml)** imported by **Hills Pharmacy and Alpha Duo Pharma Ltd** respectively.

The Authority's product quality monitoring activities have detected that results of laboratory analyses for both Beltocin and Vernetocin (Oxytocin) injections 10iu/ml have been inconsistent with several batches failing to meet approved quality standards.

Oxytocin is a uterotonic that is used mainly for medical induction of labour and control of post-partum haemorrhage. The use of substandard oxytocin could result in prolonged labour and post-partum haemorrhage with its added complication negatively affecting the mother and/or baby.

The Authority, by this notice, requests all health facilities, medical stores, and pharmacies that have any batches of these medical products in stock to immediately stop administering them and return them to their suppliers and importers.

The Authority will work with importers of Beltocin and Vernetocin (Oxytocin) injections 10iu/ml to ensure a successful recall and safe disposal of all batches of the products.

You may call the FDA on Mobile No: 024 431 0297/ 055 111 2224 or email to drug.safety@fda.gov.gh for inquiries related this this alert.



You are reminded to report adverse reactions to all medicinal products including **lack of therapeutic effect, medication errors, suspected product quality, and substandard or falsified products:**

- Download and complete the Med Safety App (Google Play Store or App Store).
- Complete and submit the report online at <http://adr.fdaghana.gov.gh/>
- Download and complete the Adverse Reaction reporting form and submit it at the nearest health facility.

Yours faithfully,



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