

DRUG ALERT
CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION

Caution in Use
Distribute to Hospital Pharmacy Level

Date: 24 May 2016

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Our Ref: MDR 06-05/16

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Hospira UK Limited

**Paclitaxel 6mg/ml concentrate for solution for
infusion; 100mg in 16.7ml**

PL 04515/0159

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
C016841AE	Jan 2017	1 x 16.7ml	06 May 2015

Following the investigation of a breakage on the line used for packing the above batch of Paclitaxel, it has become apparent that there is a **theoretical** risk of contamination of the exterior of vials from this batch with Methotrexate. The quality of the product contained in the vials is not impacted.

There is a potential risk of harm from this incident, therefore recipients of this Alert are asked to bring it to the attention of any Healthcare Professional who handles Paclitaxel, whether dispensing or preparing for administration. Safety precautions, such as wearing gloves, should be taken when handling vials from this batch.

If a contaminated vial is found, or for any medical advice, please contact Hospira Medical Information team on 0800 088 5133

For information on product availability, please contact Hospira Customer Service on 0800 028 7304

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

Yours faithfully

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