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Temporary market shortage of Orgalutran (ganirelix) 0.25 mg/0.5 ml solution for injection

Dear Healthcare Professional,

MSD in agreement with the European Medicines Agency and the MHRA would like to inform you of a temporary market shortage of Orgalutran (ganirelix) in the UK.

Summary

- Due to unexpected manufacturing difficulties, Orgalutran is currently experiencing intermittent supply.
- Every effort is being made to return to normal supply. Supplies of Orgalutran are continuing to recover and expected to fully recover in the third quarter of 2017.
- In line with CHMP advice HCPs should consider the possibility of intermittent supply when making the decision to prescribe Orgalutran and ensure there are sufficient local supplies for a complete cycle of treatment before prescribing.

Background

Orgalutran is approved for the prevention of premature luteinising hormone (LH) surges in women undergoing controlled ovarian hyperstimulation (COH) for assisted reproduction techniques (ART).

In clinical studies Orgalutran was used with recombinant human follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) or corifollitropin alfa, the sustained follicle stimulant.

The reason for stock shortage is related to manufacturing and not to the product quality.

Call for reporting

Please report suspected adverse events with the use of ganirelix to the MHRA through the Yellow Card Scheme website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard.

Additional information

If you need additional prescribing information for the product, it can be found on the website of the European Medicines Agency <http://www.ema.europa.eu> or at <http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/>.

If you have any further questions or if you wish to request further information with regard to Orgalutran, please contact Medical Information at: medicalinformationuk@merck.com or Tel: +44 (0)1992 467272 .

Best regards,

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