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Ketalar (ketamine) 10mg/ml Injection: interim supply from Ireland to mitigate supply disruption

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Active ingredient: ketamine hydrochloride; **Legal category:** POM: Prescription Only Medicine; **Manufacturer:** Pfizer Ltd

Summary: Pfizer is currently experiencing supply disruption with Ketalar (ketamine) 10mg/ml Injection in the UK. Other formulations of Ketalar (ie: 50mg/ml) are unaffected by this issue.

To ensure continuity in supply for this product, Pfizer has obtained approval from the MHRA to bring in Ireland Pfizer stock of Ketalar 10mg/ml under a **Batch Specific Variation**.

Please note the following:

- The stock from Ireland is identical to the UK formulation.
- There is no risk to patient safety
- There are differences only in wording in the leaflet and product labels
- Please ensure UK SPC and PIL are followed

Further information

Please refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) for further details.

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/2231/smpc>

For further details on the product please refer to the attached UK approved Package Leaflet provided in the polythene bag with the Irish pack. Discard the Irish leaflet in the pack.

Please ensure all relevant staff are made aware of the content of this letter and that the UK leaflet is provided to the patients.

Call for reporting

Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

Company contact point

If you have any questions about this letter or for more information about Ketalar, please contact Pfizer Medical Information at Pfizer Limited, Walton Oaks, Dorking Road, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 7NS or Telephone: 01304 616 161.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seema Patel".

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