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Dear Colleague

REGIONAL LIST OF TIME CRITICAL MEDICINES

Please find attached the revised list of critical medicines where timeliness of administration is crucial, produced by the Northern Ireland Medicines Governance team and approved by the Health and Social Care Board's Regional Medicines Safety Group.

This document replaces the list produced by the Medicines Governance team November 2010 and updated March 2016. The latest version now includes: 'end of life medication' and 'parenteral electrolyte replacement', medication examples for each medication class listed and a brief explanation of the potential consequence of omission or delay.

Please refer to this list when revising any local policies / guidelines that concern omission or delay of time critical medicines. The list can also be found at:

http://www.medicinesgovernance.hscni.net/download/secondary%20care/Critical-medicines-where-timeliness-is-crucial-March-2019_3.pdf

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Brogan', written in a cursive style.

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