

## DRUG ALERT

### CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL

Action within 48 Hours

Pharmacy and Wholesaler Level Recall

Dear Healthcare Professional

**Pfizer Limited**

**Accuretic 10/12.5 mg film-coated tablets**

**PL 00057/0518**

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
DD4842	31-10-2022	28	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient: Quinapril Hydrochloride and Hydrochlorothiazide

#### **Brief description of the problem**

Pfizer Ltd are voluntarily recalling all stock of the above product as a precautionary measure due to the identification of a nitrosamine above the acceptable limit. Following testing, N-nitroso-quinapril, has been observed at a level above the acceptable limit. Nitrosamines may increase the risk of cancer if people are exposed to them above acceptable levels and over long periods of time. The recall is at pharmacy and wholesaler level.

#### **Advice for healthcare professionals**

Please quarantine all remaining stock of the specified batches and return them to your supplier using your supplier's approved process.

Patients should be advised not to stop any treatments without consulting their relevant healthcare professional. The risks of suddenly stopping medication for blood pressure is higher than the potential risk presented by the impurity. Healthcare professionals should advise patients undergoing treatment to discuss any questions or concerns with their prescribing healthcare professional.



**Further Information**

If you have any questions, then please contact your local Service Centre Customer Services team.

For medical information enquiries, please contact Pfizer Medical Information Department on 01304 616161.

Recipients of this Medicines Recall should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this notice

RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them and any other relevant care facilities

The Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners directly.

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**TO ALL CHEMISTS, DOCTORS ON THE LISTS**

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