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Dear Dr. LIANG,

MHRA alert: all medical devices and medicinal products containing chlorhexidine

Your attention is drawn to that the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) alerted the risk of anaphylactic reaction due to chlorhexidine allergy for all medical devices and medicinal products containing chlorhexidine.

The MHRA received a number of reports of anaphylactic reactions following the use of products containing chlorhexidine.

The MHRA advised that healthcare professionals should be aware of the potential for an anaphylactic reaction to chlorhexidine and ensure that known allergies are recorded in patient notes. Besides, healthcare professionals should check the labels and instructions for use to establish if products contain chlorhexidine prior to use on patients with a known allergy.

Please refer to MHRA's website for details:

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON197918?tabName=Problem>

In Hong Kong, there are 93 registered pharmaceutical products containing chlorhexidine. So far, Department of Health has not received any adverse drug reaction reports concerning the use of chlorhexidine. In view of the MHRA's alert, the matter will be discussed in the meeting of Registration Committee of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board.

Please encourage your members to report any adverse events caused by the drugs to the Pharmacovigilance Unit of Department of Health (tel. no.: 2319 2920, fax: 3904 1225 or email: [adr@dh.gov.hk](mailto:adr@dh.gov.hk)). For details, please refer to the website at Drug Office under "ADR reporting": <http://www.drugoffice.gov.hk/adr.html>. You may wish to visit the Drug Office's website for subscription and browsing of "Drug News" which is a monthly drug safety digest of drug safety news and information issued by Drug Office.

Yours sincerely,

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