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BY FAX

21 February 2013

Dear Dr. LI,

Macau announced a news about the safety information of the ibuprofen-containing product "Children's Motrin"

Your attention is drawn to Macau Health Bureau's announcement with respect to a case of toxic epidermal necrolysis leading to blindness after a child taking the anti-inflammatory and analgesic product "Children's Motrin" in the USA.

The Health Bureau advised that "Children's Motrin", which contains ibuprofen, has not been approved to be imported in Macau. The common adverse drug reactions (ADR) of ibuprofen include gastrointestinal discomfort, nausea and stomach ulcer etc, and toxic epidermal necrolysis is a very rare ADR.

The Health Bureau has not received any serious adverse reaction reports related to ibuprofen so far.

Please refer to Health Bureau's website for details:

http://www.ssm.gov.mo/docs/5346/5346_24ace4f324d74e6ebe54a4a7ccfc33f8_000.pdf

In Hong Kong, "Children's Motrin" is not a registered pharmaceutical product. Department of Health has not received any related adverse reaction report in connection with ibuprofen.

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: 2186 9845 or email: 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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