

Medicines Optimisation Team

## Prescribing Memo

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### **MHRA CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL for Jext® adrenaline autpens 300 & 150microgram**

**Advice for GP practices on actions required in response to this alert**

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**Memo Number: 15/13**

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#### **Summary**

On December 9<sup>th</sup> MHRA released this alert to all healthcare professionals in the UK which you should have received from NHS England local area team. The alert advises that ALK-Abello are withdrawing all Jext adrenaline autpens released since May 8<sup>th</sup> 2013. Healthcare professionals are asked to ensure that all patients for whom they have prescribed or dispensed these pens should be contacted and asked to check the batch number of their pen (See appendix for affected batch numbers) and return the pen to their pharmacy if affected. They should also be asked to contact their GP to ensure supply of an alternative adrenaline autopen. Epipen® is currently the only available alternative in the UK. MHRA have approved the importation of Epipen® devices from the USA to ensure sufficient availability of stocks for all affected patients.

Unfortunately significant numbers of patients in the North East are likely to be affected due to the recent consensus change to the Jext device. That followed ALK-Abellos successful tender bid for procurement of a single device with additional training support for healthcare professionals.

#### **ACTION REQUIRED by General Practice**

- Carry out a search for all patients issued with a prescription for Jext® autpens since May 8<sup>th</sup> 2013.
- Contact each patient/carer to inform them of the situation, specifically:
  - Check the batch number and expiry date
  - Attend the surgery to discuss and receive a prescription for Epipen®
  - Attend their community pharmacy to obtain their Epipen® and return all Jext autpens
  - They continue to carry and use their Jext® autopen until they receive replacement supplies
- When the patient/carer attends the surgery ensure:
  - They understand the situation
  - They are shown how to use the Epipen® correctly
  - They receive a prescription for enough Epipen® autpens to replace their current stock of Jext® autpens
- Keep a record of patients contacted, trained and prescriptions issued

## **Further Information**

Community pharmacies are also responsible for responding to this alert. It may be beneficial to contact your local pharmacies to discuss managing the process efficiently.

Please report any adverse events to ALK-Abelló on 0118 903 7940 or by e-mail at [UKHUDrugSafety@alk-abello.com](mailto:UKHUDrugSafety@alk-abello.com)

Adverse events should be reported via the MHRA Yellow Card Reporting Scheme. Reporting forms and information can be found at [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard)

## **Available Resources circulated with this memo:**

- ALK-Abello Patient Information letter
- ALK-Abello Letter to GPs
- MEDA Epipen® Patient Information leaflet

## **Available Support**

**The Medicines Optimisation team will be able to support you through this process.**

Contact your practice pharmacist to discuss the specific support they can offer to your practice. You will also be able to receive further advice from the medicines optimisation team at:

Tel: 0191 3744121

## Appendix

### Affected batches

#### Jext 300 mcg solution for injection in pre-filled pen

Batch number	Expiry date	Pack size	Date of first distribution
0000733979	31 Dec 2014	1 x 1	09 May 2013
0000750808	31 Dec 2014	1 x 1	17 May 2013
0000774775	31 Jan 2015	1 x 1	05 Jun 2013
0000780782	31 Jan 2015	1 x 1	05 Jun 2013
0000800083	31 Jan 2015	1 x 1	25 Jun 2015
0000810356	31 Jan 2015	1 x 1	25 Jun 2013
0000829690	31 Jan 2015	1 x 1	15 Jul 2013
0000837516	28 Feb 2015	1 x 1	30 Aug 2013
0000858432	28 Feb 2015	1 x 1	02 Aug 2013
0000860701	28 Feb 2015	1 x 1	26 Jul 2013
0000874585	28 Feb 2015	1 x 1	23 Aug 2013
0000874587	28 Feb 2015	1 x 1	14 Oct 2013
0000900033	30 Apr 2015	1 x 1	16 Sep 2013

#### Jext 150 mcg solution for injection in pre-filled pen

Batch number	Expiry date	Pack size	Date of first distribution
0000748008	31 Dec 2014	1 x 1	17 May 2013
0000785381	31 Jan 2015	1 x 1	19 Jun 2013
0000804924	31 Jan 2015	1 x 1	21 Jun 2013
0000853456	28 Feb 2015	1 x 1	26 Jul 2013
0000862719	28 Feb 2015	1 x 1	23 Aug 2013
0000884202	31 Mar 2015	1 x 1	06 Sep 2013
0000890991	28 Feb 2015	1 x 1	30 Aug 2013
0000907947	30 Apr 2015	1 x 1	16 Sep 2013