

Information to DH/CMU for communication to the PMSG

Update on supply of Thiopental Sodium

Following a recent communication from Archimedes Pharma Ltd to hospital pharmacists and clinical directors of anaesthetic and intensive care units (11th January 2012) advising that normal supply of Thiopental Sodium had been significantly disrupted, we now advise that as an interim solution an unlicensed supply of pharmaceutically equivalent Thiopental Sodium has been sourced from within the EU, and is available via our normal distributors UDG (Unidrug Distribution Group).

The ordering process will make clear that the supply being ordered is not licensed within the UK. Guidance will also be provided on adverse event reporting in respect of this specific situation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Donovan', is positioned above the printed name.

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