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To whom it may concern,

Re: Health Canada will publish a summary safety review regarding hydromorphone controlled release capsules

As an ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, Health Canada would like to notify you that a summary safety review (SSR) regarding hydromorphone controlled release capsules and the increased risk of serious infections linked to the injection of the content of the capsules into veins will be published (see attached document). The SSR is intended to provide Canadians with a sufficient understanding of the safety review conducted by Health Canada, specifically what was assessed, what was found and what action was taken. The SSR will be posted in subsequent days.¹

This advance notification is being sent for your information only. A broader dissemination to your members would be greatly appreciated.

Any question related to the SSR process or requests for further information on the safety review should be directed to the Marketed Health Products Directorate; e-mail: hc.mhpdssrcoordinator-dpscreicoordinateur.sc@canada.ca

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¹ <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/reviews-examens/index-eng.php>

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Please feel free to contact us, should you require further information.

Sincerely,

E-signed by

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Attachment:

Summary Safety Review- Hydromorphone controlled release capsules - Assessing the increased risk of serious infections linked to the injection of the content of the capsules into veins