



21<sup>st</sup> September 2012

Dear Healthcare Professional,

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Changes to the prescribing and availability of Epanutin® (Phenytoin Sodium) Capsules (all strengths)**

Summary

- Epanutin Capsules to be discontinued. All other presentations of Epanutin continue to be available.
- Phenytoin Sodium Flynn Hard Capsules are available. This product is identical to Epanutin capsules in all but name.
- Prescriptions should be written as Phenytoin Sodium Flynn xmg Hard Capsules
- Patient freephone helpline available, **0800 077 8566**

Flynn Pharma Ltd recently acquired the Marketing Authorisations for Epanutin Capsules, following which the name has been changed to Phenytoin Sodium Flynn Hard Capsules. Epanutin will no longer be available as soon as current Pfizer Ltd. stocks are exhausted. All other presentations of Epanutin (Infatabs®, suspension and solution for injection) continue to be available from Pfizer Ltd under the Epanutin brand name.

Phenytoin is a drug with a narrow therapeutic index (NTI) and, as such, there may be concerns amongst prescribers and patients regarding any change to the product.

Please be assured that the Flynn Pharma product is identical to Epanutin. There are no differences in formulation and the site of manufacture remains unchanged. The capsules continue to contain the same identicode markings as Epanutin, including the word 'Epanutin'.

Prescriptions should be written as Phenytoin Sodium Flynn xmg Hard Capsules. It is essential that the prescription contains the name of the Marketing Authorisation Holder (i.e. Flynn) to ensure the correct product is dispensed.

This change has also been communicated to the major patient support groups in the UK. Furthermore, Flynn has set up a Patient Helpline to deal with any queries they may have. The number is **0800 077 8566**.

**Call for reporting**

Please report suspected adverse reactions with any medicine or vaccine to the MHRA through the Yellow Card Scheme online at [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Fakes', is written over a faint, illegible printed name.

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