



IRISH MEDICINES BOARD
PUBLICATION OF FIELD SAFETY NOTICES

Since July 2009, the IMB has been publishing individual field safety notices (FSNs) from manufacturers on the IMB website; highlighting important safety information with respect to specific medical devices. These notices are in addition to advisory, warning or recall notices which the IMB itself issues when there is a significant safety concern with a medical device.

The IMB has recently reviewed the publication of manufacturers' FSNs on the IMB website. As these FSNs should have been communicated directly to the users of medical devices already by the manufacturer; users should be aware of the information. It has therefore been decided to publish a summary of manufacturers' FSNs on a monthly basis from now on.

Monthly publication of manufacturers' FSNs will include a list giving the following information:

- name of the device
- name of the device manufacturer
- nature of the advice given in the FSN
- link to the FSN issued by the manufacturer

The monthly list will be published on the IMB website during the first week of the month, listing the FSNs issued in the previous month. Monthly publication will begin in March 2010 when we will publish a list of all FSNs for February 2010.

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