

## Buccolam Dear Care Giver Letter

### Instructions for patients and caregivers

#### Instructions for correct administration of BUCCOLAM Prefilled Plastic Syringes

The clear tip-cap of BUCCOLAM syringes can sometimes remain attached to the syringe after the red cap has been taken off. If this happens, the tip-cap can detach in the patient's mouth and they might breathe it in or swallow it. If this happens, this could be a choking hazard.

Continue to give BUCCOLAM as your doctor, nurse or pharmacist has told you to, BUCCOLAM remains safe to use.

#### Before you use of Buccolam you must follow the instructions below:

##### Correct

1. Before giving BUCCOLAM, pull the red cap off the end. Check the clear tip-cap is attached to the red cap, as shown.



##### Incorrect

2. Make sure the clear tip-cap is not still attached to the syringe, as shown.



3. If the clear tip-cap is still attached to the syringe, you should **pull it off before** giving BUCCOLAM to prevent it from going into the patient's mouth.

**!** If you think the tip-cap is in the patient's mouth, **do not** insert a finger into the mouth to look for it or remove it. Instead, turn the patient onto their side (recovery position) and make sure they spit it out when they stop fitting.

##### Call for reporting

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. You should also tell them about any occasions in which the clear tip-cap remained attached to the syringe.

You can also report side effects to the HPRA Pharmacovigilance, Earsfort Terrace, IRL - Dublin 2, Tel: +353 1 6764971, Fax: +353 1 6762517, Website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie) e-mail: [medsafety@hpra.ie](mailto:medsafety@hpra.ie)