## **NEW THIS MONTH**

## IMB NAME CHANGE

Effective from 1 July 2014, the Irish Medicines Board (IMB) is changing its name to the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA). Established in 1966, the National Drugs Advisory Board later became the IMB in 1996. However over the last 18 years, their regulatory remit has expanded to include other health products as well as other health related functions. In addition to medicines, they now have a role in regulating a range of areas including devices, controlled drugs, blood components, tissues and cells and human organs for transplantation.

The new name now clearly reflects the wider scope of their work and responsibilities. While their name has changed, the mission of the HPRA remains the same: To protect and enhance public and animal health through the regulation of medicines, medical devices and other health products. The new logo will be seen from 1 July 2014.

Further information, including details of changes to contact email addresses are available from the HPRA website.

## PRODUCTS ADDED ON THE LIST OF MEDICINAL PRODUCTS **UNDER ADDITIONAL MONITORING THIS YEAR**

Products highlighted in bold apply to the current month.

Bosulif Daxas Cosmofer Eklira Genuair Feriniect Forxiga Giotrif

Halaven Jaydess Longuex

Monover Perjeta Relvar Ellipta Spedra

Stribild

Striverdi Respimat

Tafinlar Tagocid Targaxan Tivicay Venofer Xtandi Zoely

Removed from the list: Priar

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## **NOT ONLY MEDICINES** – MUCH MORE

The new name for the Irish Medicines Board (IMB) is the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA).

Why change? Since 1996 our role as a regulator has expanded to include a number of additional products and

The HPRA name reflects our wider remit which includes the regulation of:

- · Human and veterinary medicines
- Clinical trials
- · Medical devices
- · Controlled drugs
- · Blood and blood components Tissues and cells
- · Cosmetic products
- The protection of animals used for scientific purposes
- · Organs intended for transplantation



A new name - but our focus and mission hasn't changed:

To protect and enhance public and animal health through the regulation of medicines. medical devices and other health products.

Find out more on www.hpra.ie







