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Dear Healthcare Professional,

FOLLOW-UP: SAFETY ALERT ON POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION OF RANITIDINE WITH N-NITROSODIMETHYLAMINE

This is a follow up to the Food and Drug Authority's safety alert dated 3rd October 2019 on the contamination of Ranitidine medicines with an impurity called N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA), a potential human cancer-causing agent.

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) through its post marketing surveillance activities has identified some Ranitidine medicines (both injectable and oral dosage forms) on the Ghanaian market.

The FDA will like to advice healthcare professionals with stocks of Ranitidine medicines in their facilities to stop dispensing these products and communicate with the FDA on the underlisted contacts for the recall of these products.

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You are also requested to advice patients on alternative medicines available for the treatment of heartburn, ulcers and reflux so that they can be switched to these medicines by their prescribers for the same conditions.

To receive the latest safety alerts and recalls, download the Med Safety App from Google Play or the App Store.

Yours faithfully,

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