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Dear Pharmacists

Notification of Potential for Medication Error - Safety Concern Levothyroxine Lup tablets

| Sponsor: | Southern Cross Pharma Pty Ltd |
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| Distributor: | Generic Health Pty Ltd |
| Generic Name: | Levothyroxine sodium |
| Trade Name: | Levothyroxine Lup |
| Reference Product: | Eutroxsig |
| Strength & AUST R Number: | 50 microgram (AUST R 374927) |
| | 75 microgram (AUST R 374928) |
| | 100 microgram (AUST R 374929) |
| | 200 microgram (AUST R 374932) |
| Drug Class: | Thyroid stimulating hormones (TSH) |

Generic Health Pty Ltd, as the distributor of Levothyroxine Lup, wish to provide you with information in relation to an important safety risk of potential medication error for the above product.

As detailed in the boxed warning below, due to safety reasons please ensure patients do not switch brands of levothyroxine without consulting their doctor. This boxed warning has been included in the Product Information for Levothyroxine Lup. A similar boxed warning is also included in the Consumer Medicine Information:

WARNING: LEVOTHYROXINE LUP is not bioequivalent on a same-dose basis with ELTROXIN. If a decision is made to switch a patient from ELTROXIN to LEVOTHYROXINE LUP, then prescribers should have a plan for monitoring TSH.

Prescribers should be aware that dose adjustment may be required. Prescribers should tell their patients not to interchange LEVOTHYROXINE LUP and ELTROXIN unless a decision has been made to switch products, and there is a plan for monitoring TSH levels and review of dose.





For further information, please refer to the latest Product Information and Consumer Medicine Information available from our company website, <u>www.generichealth.com.au/Product Listing</u> or the TGA website, <u>www.ebs.tga.gov.au/Levothyroxine_Lup_Pl_&_CMI</u>.

Please forward this information to all relevant staff members in your organisation.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Generic Health at below contact details.

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Yours sincerely

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