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Circular No 019/12.

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Re: Tamiflu Capsules

Dear Pharmacist,

Tamiflu Capsules

You will be aware of the revised arrangements put in place around supply and reimbursement of Tamiflu Capsules during the Swine Flu Pandemic in 2009/2010. HSE Stock was supplied directly to Community Pharmacies as part of the State's response to the Pandemic Alert issued by the WHO. As you are aware, the Pandemic Alert is no longer in place.

Accordingly, no further supplies of Tamiflu products will be released from the State's strategic stockpile. Therefore, pharmacies will now need to obtain Tamiflu Capsules (if required) via their usual commercial channels.

Roche have confirmed to the HSE that they will have commercial stocks of Tamiflu in place from 1 November 2012.

PCRS Circular No. 015/09 and Circular No. 001/10 have now been withdrawn.

Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Burke,

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