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Circular No. 011/10

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Re: Vantas Implant 50 mg. Pack 1

Dear Pharmacist,

I am writing to you in connection with the addition of Vantas Implant 50 mg. to the High Tech Medicinal Products Scheme with effect from 1st June 2010.

Vantas (Histrelin), a Hydrogel GnRH Implant administered once every twelve months, should be inserted on the same day that it is collected from the community pharmacy.

You are asked to check with the patient, when they collect the Vantas Implant, that they are attending their GP that same day for implantation and to make a record of the relevant GP on the pharmacy computer.

The HSE will be auditing the use of this product in the coming months.

Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Patrick Burke Primary Care Reimbursement Service