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**Educational Materials relating to the use of intravenous iron preparations**

Dear healthcare professional,

In October 2013 you received important information in relation to the use of intravenous iron preparations and the risk of hypersensitivity reactions following a European review of their benefits versus risks.

As follow up to this information, we are now providing you with educational materials to ensure correct usage of intravenous irons in relation to managing hypersensitivity reactions. The first is intended for healthcare professionals and provides information on prescription and administration of intravenous iron to minimise the risk of serious hypersensitivity reactions. The second is intended for patients and provides information on the possible risk of serious allergic reactions with intravenous irons. One copy of the healthcare professional leaflet and two copies of the patient leaflet are enclosed.

Should you require additional copies of either of these leaflets, they may be obtained from:

[www.viforpharma.co.uk](http://www.viforpharma.co.uk),  
[www.pharmacosmos.ie](http://www.pharmacosmos.ie)  
[www.freseniusmedicalcare.co.uk](http://www.freseniusmedicalcare.co.uk)

**Call for reporting**

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via HPRC Pharmacovigilance, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL - Dublin 2; Tel: +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517. Website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie); E-mail: [medsafety@hpra.ie](mailto:medsafety@hpra.ie).

When reporting please ensure to include the name of the specific product administered.

**Company contact point**

Should you have any questions regarding the use of Cosmofer, Monover or Diafer, please contact Pharmacosmos UK Ltd Medical Information + 44 (0)1844 269 007 or via email at [info@pharmacosmos.ie](mailto:info@pharmacosmos.ie)

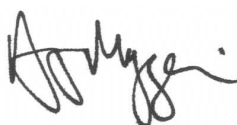
Should you have any questions regarding the use of Ferinject or Venofer, please contact Vifor Pharma UK Ltd Medical Information + 44 (0)1276853633 or via email at [medicalinfo\\_uk@viforpharma.com](mailto:medicalinfo_uk@viforpharma.com)

Should you have any questions regarding the use of Ferrologic, please contact Fresenius Medical Care (UK) Ltd Medical Information 1800 550 166 or via email at [medinfo-ie@fmc-ag.com](mailto:medinfo-ie@fmc-ag.com)

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