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Dear Practitioner

Re: Buccolam prefilled syringes in dental practice emergency drug kits

I previously outlined the requirement to stock Buccolam prefilled syringes in dental practice emergency drug kits, along with accompanying policies (SOPs), in a letter issued in May 2013. The letter can be downloaded at:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2670.htm>

The HSCB would ask that you stock Buccolam pre-filled syringes in the practice emergency drug kit in sufficient quantity and dosage to meet the needs of the practice patient base and to cater for at least two emergency situations requiring buccal midazolam. The HSCB would also advise that other presentations of buccal midazolam kept by practices in their emergency drug kit should be disposed of as per the practice drug disposal policy.

The requirement to stock Buccolam is supported by NI legislation in the General Dental Services Regulations (1993) at Schedule 2 part IV para. 22:

'A dentist may supply to a patient such listed drugs as are required for immediate use.....'

And para 42:

'Any drugs supplied under paragraph 22 shall be obtained by the dentist in such a manner as the Board may require.'

The HSCB has asked the RQIA, as part of its inspection process, to check each dental practice's compliance with the requirement to keep Buccolam in the emergency drug kit. The HSCB will liaise with RQIA to confirm that this requirement has been met in all dental practices.

If you have any concerns or queries in relation to this process please contact Gerry Cleary, Dental Adviser on 028 9536 1006 or gerry.cleary@hscni.net

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Donaldson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M' and a circular flourish at the end.

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