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Dear Colleague

MHRA DRUG SAFETY UPDATE: #MedSafetyWeek (3-9 November 2025): A call to action to improve patient safety

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued the below Drug Safety Update.

The MHRA are calling all Healthcare Professionals to support #MedSafetyWeek 2025.

Please find the link to the complete **MHRA Drug Safety Update** included below:

[#MedSafetyWeek \(3-9 November 2025\): A call to action to improve patient safety](#)

The annual #MedSafetyWeek campaign takes place from 3 to 9 November 2025. This year's campaign theme is 'we can all help make medicines safer.'

For queries or more information, please contact info@mhra.gov.uk.

You can subscribe to the MHRA new Safety Roundup bulletin [here](#). The latest MHRA Safety Roundup is available at the following link: [MHRA Safety Roundup](#).

Yours sincerely



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