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Dear Immunisation Provider/ Health Care Professional,

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MEDICINE RECALL

HIBERIX® *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine (Hib)
Batch number: A72CA529A, Expiry Date Feb 2011
AUST R 60881

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Australia following consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has initiated a recall of a single batch of Hiberix batch number A72CA529A due to excess moisture content in the vials.

GSK confirms the efficacy and safety profile of the vaccine remains unchanged and that this issue does not pose a health risk to patients. *Patients already vaccinated will not require re-vaccination, provided the administration instructions have been correctly followed by the administering health care professional.*

No other batches of Hiberix or any other GSK vaccines are affected by this recall.

If you have a pack of Hiberix from batch A72CA529A do not use it.

If you have received affected stock as part of the state immunisation program:

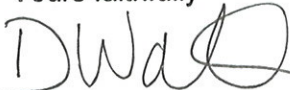
Whilst supplies of Hiberix from batch A72CA529A were distributed to vaccine warehouses in all states and the Australian Capital Territory (the Northern Territory did not receive stock), only Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania have supplies of this vaccine remaining with immunisation providers. For immunisation providers in **Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania:**

- i. Please isolate and do not dispense/administer any further doses of Hiberix batch A72CA529A.
- ii. You will receive replacement Hiberix vaccine which is not affected by this recall (for QLD please conduct a full stock count of all vaccines and phone Queensland Health on the usual number – 3328 9888, if you require vaccines).
- iii. You will be contacted by telephone regarding collection of the isolated stock.

Please retain this letter in a prominent position for one month in case of stock in transit.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience caused by this recall. Should you require any additional information, please contact us on **1800 064 162**.

Yours faithfully



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