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Dear Abiodun

Re: ARM 83 Pirinase Hayfever Relief for Adults 0.05% Nasal Spray request to reclassify a product from P to GSL

We write on behalf of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) to respond to the above consultation.

The RPS is the professional body for pharmacists in Great Britain. We represent all sectors of pharmacy in Great Britain and we lead and support the development of the pharmacy profession including the advancement of science, practice, education and knowledge in pharmacy. In addition, we promote the profession's policies and views to a range of external stakeholders in a number of different forums.

The RPS does not support the reclassification of Pirinase Hayfever Relief for Adults 0.05% Nasal Spray from P to GSL.

The patient information leaflet consistently advises patients to seek advice from a doctor or pharmacist. In non-pharmacy outlets where GSL medicines are sold, professional advice is not available. Pharmacy sale of GSL medicines have shown to be safe, as pharmacists and trained healthcare advisors are on hand to counsel the patient on their medicines.

In addition, we request that the following points be taken into consideration:

Patient Information Leaflet

Section 2: Check before you use Pirinase Hayfever Relief

In this section the patient is advised to talk to their pharmacist or doctor before using Pirinase Hayfever Relief if the following applies to them:

- They have an infection in their nose or sinuses, or have recently had surgery, an injury or ulcers in their nose
- Their symptoms do not improve or are not well controlled after 7 days
- They are taking any other medicines

Appropriate advice on the use of this product cannot be given to individuals at non pharmacy outlets, whereas in a pharmacy, pharmacists and trained staff could ensure that patients are given appropriate advice and directed, where necessary to a health professional.

Section 3: How to use Pirinase Hayfever Relief

This section provides the patients with information on how to use the Pirinase Hayfever Relief Nasal Spray. Pharmacies will have trained staff ready to advise and counsel patients on using this device, which will not be available from non pharmacy outlets.

We hope these comments are useful. Our reply may be made freely available.

Thank you for contacting the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rakhee Amin', written in a cursive style.

Rakhee Amin
Professional Support Pharmacist