

MHRA Drug Safety Update June 2022

The latest The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Drug Safety Updates [can be accessed here](#). This includes links to alerts, recalls and safety information and to the monthly Drug Safety Update newsletter.

The June 2022 Drug Safety Update includes:

[Metformin and reduced vitamin B12 levels: new advice for monitoring patients at risk](#). Decreased vitamin B12 levels, or vitamin B12 deficiency, is now considered to be a common side effect in patients on metformin treatment, especially in those receiving a higher dose or longer treatment duration and in those with existing risk factors. The MHRA is therefore advising checking vitamin B12 serum levels in patients being treated with metformin who have symptoms suggestive of vitamin B12 deficiency. They also advise that periodic monitoring for patients with risk factors for vitamin B12 deficiency should be considered.

[Roche Accu-Chek Insight insulin pump with NovoRapid PumpCart insulin cartridges: alert following cases of insulin leakage](#)

[Covid-19 vaccines and medicines: updates for June 2022](#)

[Letters and medicine recalls sent to healthcare professionals in May 2022](#)

You can also always access the [MHRA Central Alerting System alerts](#) and [National Patient Safety Alerts](#).

Sentinel Plus Project

Sentinel Plus, a salbutamol reduction project funded by Astra Zeneca pharmaceuticals, has been approved by NHS Kent and Medway. Find [out more about the project and how to take part](#). Please download and share with relevant colleagues.