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Dear Doctor,

Incompatibility between Ceftriaxone and Calcium

I wish to remind you of an important incompatibility between ceftriaxone and calcium-containing solutions.

Ceftriaxone is an antibiotic belonging to the cephalosporin group. It is used intramuscularly or intravenously to treat infections caused by susceptible bacteria. It has been known for a long time that ceftriaxone should not be added to solutions containing calcium, such as Hartman's solution and ringer's solution, before administration.

Recently, the State Food and Drug Administration of the Mainland issued a warning cautioning against the use of ceftriaxone mixed with calcium-containing solutions, stating that adverse reactions, some of which were fatal, had been reported. All the fatal cases were newborns or infants.

You are strongly encouraged to remind the professional staff of your hospital/institution of the above incompatibility and to exercise caution in the making up of ceftriaxone solutions before administration.

Yours sincerely,

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