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Dear Doctor,

PURINOL Tab (allopurinol) 100mg (HK-30662) of Europharm Lab Co Ltd found to be positive for Rhizopus microsporus

I write to alert you on the use of PURINOL manufactured by Europharm Lab Co Ltd.

During investigation of a cluster of mucormycosis, the University of Hong Kong today found that four batches of a drug called Purinol (generic name allopurinol, registered no. HK30662) produced by a local registered manufacturer Europharm positive for a fungus called, Rhizopus microsporus.

Your are advised not to use the allopurinol from the manufacturer especially in immunocompromised patients and should replace by products from other manufacturers or other classes of drugs. Please visit the following website -

http://www.psdh.gov.hk/eps/productSearchAction.do and choose products other than the one manufactured supplied by Europharm Lab Co Ltd with registration number HK-30662 in the list.

Our hotline at 21251122 will operate till midnight tonight and from 9am to 5pm on the coming Saturday and Sunday. EuroPharm has set up a hotline (2665 3788) for enquiries.

If you suspect that your patients might have intestinal mucormycosis, please report the case to Central Notification Office of the Centre for Health Protection (Telephone: 2477 2772, Fax 2477 2770) CENO On-line orhttp://www.chp.gov.hk/ceno.

Yours sincerely.

(Dr Monica Wong)

For Director of Health