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Revision of Precautions Dexamethasone sodium phosphate (injections)

May 13, 2022

Therapeutic category

Adrenal hormone preparations

Non-proprietary name

Dexamethasone sodium phosphate

Safety measure

Precautions should be revised in the package insert.

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Revision in line with the Instructions for Package Inserts of Prescription Drugs, PAB Notification No. 606 by the Director General of Pharmaceutical Affairs Bureau, MHW, dated April 25, 1997 (Old instructions):

Revised language is underlined.

Current	Revision
Careful Administration	Careful Administration
(N/A)	Patients with phaeochromocytoma or paraganglioma and those
	with suspected phaeochromocytoma or paraganglioma
	[Phaeochromocytoma crisis may occur.]
Important Precautions	Important Precautions
(N/A)	Cases of phaeochromocytoma crisis have been reported after
	dexamethasone preparations (oral dosage form and injections)
	were administered without recognizing concurrent
	phaeochromocytoma. If a marked elevation in blood pressure,
	headache, palpitation, etc. are observed after administration of this
	drug, appropriate measures should be taken with consideration
	given to the possible occurrence of phaeochromocytoma crisis.

N/A: Not Applicable. No corresponding language is included in the current package insert.

Revision in line with the Instructions for Electronic Package Inserts of Prescription Drugs, etc. PSEHB Notification No. 0611-1 by the Director of Pharmaceutical Safety and Environmental Health Bureau, MHLW, dated June 11, 2021 (New instructions):

Revised language is underlined.

Current	Revision
8. IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS	8. IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS
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