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To all Pharmacists Practicing in Pharmacies and Medical facilities

Dear All,

REF: GUIDANCE ON MEASURES TO MITIGATE ENTRY OF FALSIFIED MEDICINES INTO THE LEGAL SUPPLY CHAIN

The above subject matter refers.

Council notes the recent presence of falsified hepatitis B vaccines in the private market. Whereas, none of the Pharmacies or Medical facilities with Pharmacists were found in possession of the falsified medicines, PSU hereby directs all Pharmacists to institute the following measures to strengthen detection of falsified medicines and mitigate their entry into the supply chain.

1. All drug outlets including institutional Pharmacies should have a list of pre-qualified suppliers, all of whom must be licensed with the NDA and the relevant entities for non-medicine items. This list should be authorized by the Pharmacist. Verification of compliance will be done during PSU's support supervision.
2. Visual inspection/screening of medicines should be strengthened through a logical approach guided by the standard operating procedures developed by the Pharmacist. A guide is uploaded on the PSU website. This process will necessitate application of Pharmaceutics, Pharmaceutical chemistry, Pharmacognosy, Pharmaceutical microbiology techniques among others. Each facility should therefore acquire a visual inspection chamber with a minimum of a magnifying glass, adequate lighting and a black white board in each half of the background. Those that need assistance on the same should contact the PSU front desk.
3. Any persons who may have been exposed to the falsified hepatitis B vaccines and who approaches any medical facility or Pharmacy should be assisted, registered and undergo a clinical and laboratory evaluation as practically possible and information shared to the NDA National Pharmacovigilance centre copied to PSU secretariat.



For any further assistance contact PSU on telephone number 0392174280, PSU WhatsApp number 0785423205.

This note takes immediate effect.

Yours Faithfully,



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Secretary, Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda**

Cc: All Pharmacies and medical facilities

Minister of Health

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