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To: NARHI Ulla (ENTR)
Subject: EU Consultation: Legal proposal on Information to Patients
Dear Ulla Narhi,

We think it is good that patients receive standardised information about pharmaceuticals. In addition to information normally found on a package insert we think it would be useful to also provide information on the environmental properties of the drug.

In Sweden much of this work has been done and different levels of information can be got. Using the example of acyclovir a person can get some brief environmental info:
http://www.fass.se/LIF/produktfakta/artikel_produk_t.jsp?NpIID=19970905000048&DocTypeID=5#env-effect

Furthermore the interested patient, prescriber of pharmacist can then get more info:

http://www.fass.se/LIF/lakarbok/lakemedelhalsa_artikel.jsp?articleID=75644

In addition, we believe it is important to include the hazard detail (PBT) and volume of drug used for *pharmacists and doctors*. This info is available from Stockholm County Council and is on the janusinfo website. Here is the example for antiinfectives:

http://www.janusinfo.se/imcms/servlet/GetDoc?meta_id=7255

Information should also be provided to patients about where they should return unused or expired drugs. ***They should be told quite clearly not to flush them down the toilet or sink or throw them in their rubbish.*** In the UK for example, citizens are not given information on what to do with their unused medicines despite there being a 2004 EU Directive to do so.

As the consultation closes today I would appreciate acknowledgement of safe receipt of this email. Thank you.

I hope these suggestions are useful.

Yours sincerely,

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