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To whom it may concern

Re: Draft metoprolol alert for feedback.

Following three serious adverse events in New Zealand hospitals, involving administration of the wrong dose of metoprolol slow release tablets, the attached draft alert has been prepared. The slow release metoprolol preparation available in New Zealand is not used routinely internationally, so similar events have not been reported overseas.

The Medication Safety Expert Advisory Group would value feedback from Nurse Prescribers on the content of the alert.

Closing date for comments is **5pm 7 May 2014**. Please forward comments to myself either electronically <u>beth.loe@hqsc.govt.nz</u> or by post to the address below.

Kind regards

Beth Loe On behalf of the Medication Safety Expert Advisory Group

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