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## ***New Presentation of Anapen Autoinjectors:***

*Important Information intended for Retail Pharmacists,  
Hospital Pharmacists and Prescribers.*

**PA 1072/1/1: Anapen 150 micrograms in 0.3ml Solution for Injection in a Pre-filled Syringe.  
PA1072/1/2: Anapen 300 micrograms in 0.3ml Solution for Injection in a Pre-filled Syringe.**

### **Dear Healthcare Professional,**

A new version of **Anapen Adrenaline Autoinjectors** are now available on the Irish market.

The pharmaceutical composition of the **new adrenaline autoinjector** and the mechanism of action are the same as before. There are some differences of which you should be aware. These are:

- The **Anapen autoinjectors** that will be supplied will be presented in a duo-pack where two **Anapen autoinjectors** are supplied in a single carton
- The autoinjectors will look different from those previously supplied. They will now have a slightly different shape and their colour coding will change slightly. The new version of Anapen will be white and the dose strength will be colour coded on the label as follows:
  - **Orange** for the 150 mcg / 0.3 ml strength (**Anapen Junior**).
  - **Green** for the 300 mcg / 0.3 ml strength (**Anapen Adult**).

***Please see images of the old and new autoinjectors overleaf.***

- The new autoinjector has a number of new features. These are:
  - An inspection window to enable the end user to check that the adrenaline solution is not discoloured.
  - A red indicator to show that the autoinjector has activated and an injection has occurred.
  - A reversible boot remover which can be re-inserted onto the used autoinjector to reduce the likelihood of needle-stick injuries.

Patients should continue to use their existing in-date **Anapens** as per the directions on the label and patient information leaflet, but please be advised that any new or replacement stock, supplied to pharmacies from this date, will be the new version of Anapen. Please ensure **all relevant staff and patients are made aware** of the content of this letter and that the information is communicated to the end user, who should be directed to the updated patient information leaflet that will be provided with each new duo-pack.

In order to meet the immediate need of Irish patients, the initial batches of the new **Anapen Autoinjector** will consist of relabelled product from the French market. Each delivery of stock from the French market will be accompanied by an explanatory letter.

If you have any **questions**, please contact:

Phone: **01 686 9342** (*Free Phone Number*)

E-mail: **info@lincolnmedical.co.uk**

Lincoln Medical will continue to provide training units, which are used to demonstrate the correct administration technique for Anapen. However, the training units we currently have in stock are based on the old style of Anapen, they will be superseded by a new style Anapen training unit, which will be available soon.

**Training units can be requested using the contact details above.**

**The Anapen SPCs, PILs and instructional videos are available online ([www.anapen.co.uk](http://www.anapen.co.uk))**

With Kind Regards,



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## Anapen (old)



## Anapen (new)

