

# Patient Safety ALERT – Administration of Intravenous Piperacillin-Tazobactam (Tazocin® or generic equivalent)



## Change to licensed administration directions

This is a reminder to all clinical staff that Piperacillin-Tazobactam (Tazocin®) injection should not be given via intravenous bolus.

The injection is no longer licensed for administration by bolus injection. Doses should be administered via intravenous infusion **over 30 minutes** as per the product license, unless specifically directed to do otherwise by the prescriber, which would be unlicensed use.

Please note that the Trust's preferred reference source for intravenous and intramuscular administration is the online MEDUSA guide.

<http://nww.injguide.nhs.uk>

The username is **nddhward** and password is **password1**

A user guide is available via the following link:

<http://ndht.ndevon.swest.nhs.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/How-to-use-Medusa-v1.0-Dated-January-2015.pdf>

## FOR ACTION:

Please ensure that **ALL STAFF** administer Prescription Only Medicines according to the product license and use the correct information resources regarding intravenous medicines.

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