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**SERIOUS ADVERSE REACTIONS FOLLOWING USE OF GENTAMYCIN INJECTION**

**To Health Workers**

The purpose of this communication is to notify you of the serious adverse events that could occur while using particular brands and batches of Gentamycin injection.

**Background**

National Drug Authority has received complaints about unusual side effects that occur following the administration of Gentamycin injection. These include immediate severe headaches, dizziness, blurred vision, fainting, rash and itching. Whereas these side effects are documented as rare side effects following Gentamycin injection, NDA has registered an increase in the frequency and severity of these reactions. NDA is currently undertaking investigations of the reported cases.

**Advice to health workers**

1. Health workers are requested to use the product as per the directions on the product label.
2. Monitor patients who are using Gentamycin for possible serious adverse effects.
3. To report to NDA any adverse drug reactions that occur when patients are using Gentamycin. Reports can be sent to any NDA office or by email to [druginfo@nda.or.ug](mailto:druginfo@nda.or.ug) or by calling 0414-255665 or by sending a message on Whatsapp to 0791415555.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

  
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