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Regional Medicines Information Centres  
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Dear Medicines Information Professional

**Re: ▼ Protelos (strontium ranelate): Cessation of supply**

Please find enclosed information on the above subject.

Protelos (strontium ranelate) is licensed for the treatment of severe osteoporosis:

- in postmenopausal women,
- in adult men,

at high risk of fracture, for whom treatment with other medicinal products approved for the treatment of osteoporosis is not possible due to, for example, contraindications or intolerance. In postmenopausal women, strontium ranelate reduces the risk of vertebral and hip fractures. The decision to prescribe strontium ranelate should be based on an assessment of the individual patient's overall risks.<sup>1</sup>

On the 10th February 2017 Servier notified the European Medicine Agency (EMA) and, in the UK, the Department of Health and the MHRA of the intention to cease the marketing and supply of strontium ranelate.

Servier will cease production and distribution of strontium ranelate at the end of August 2017.

This worldwide and strategic decision has been taken for commercial reasons based on the following grounds:

- The restricted indication/limited use of strontium ranelate
- The continuous decrease in the number of patients treated strontium ranelate

Servier UK has been liaising with the relevant patient and professional organisations with an interest in osteoporosis such as the National Osteoporosis Society, the British Society of Rheumatology and the Primary Care Rheumatology Society, to ensure experts in the field of osteoporosis were aware as soon as possible and to enable them to support fellow healthcare professionals and provide advice to patients.

Patients can also obtain general information about the management of osteoporosis and available treatment options from the National Osteoporosis Society at <https://nos.org.uk/>

Healthcare professionals with enquiries may contact Servier UK as follows:

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Yours faithfully

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<sup>1</sup> Protelos Summary of Product Characteristics