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Public Health Alert

IMPORTANT INFORMATION concerning OxyElite Pro or VERSA -1

I would be grateful if you could distribute the following information to relevant staff in your organisation.

If you would also like to receive this by email for ease of distribution, storage and retrieval please advise RPH of your email on rph@huttvalleydhub.org.nz.

Kind regards,



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US-FDA investigating hepatitis illnesses potentially linked to sports supplements OxyElite Pro or VERSA -1

The US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC are investigating a number of cases of acute non-viral hepatitis including several hospitalisations and one death in Hawaii. The cases have a common link to OxyElite Pro and VERSA-1 sports supplements. The US-FDA health alert and additional information on implicated product can be viewed at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm370849.htm>

The Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) in New Zealand do not yet know if these products have been directly imported into New Zealand, but believe it may be available on-line from websites in the US and Australia as well as from supplement suppliers in New Zealand.

While it has not been confirmed that products available in NZ are the same products as those linked to the hepatitis cases in Hawaii, until additional information becomes available MPI is advising any importers, distributors and consumers who have this product to stop using it and to follow the advice on the FDA website.

Advice for clinicians

When investigating patients with acute onset hepatitis, for which other causes have been excluded, ask about consumption of dietary supplements. If you identify a person with acute onset- hepatitis, who has recently consumed **OxyElite Pro or VERSA -1** dietary supplements please advise the on-call Medical Officer of Health (04 570 9002).

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