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To,

Hon. Mr. Asim Rauf,

CEO

Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan

Ministry of National Health Services,

Regulation & Coordination

Government of Pakistan,

Islamabad

Subject: Shortage of Critical CNS Acting Drugs

Dear Sir,

We are writing this request on behalf of Pakistan Society of Health System Pharmacists, which is the representative body of Pharmacists from all over Pakistan.

We would like to inform you that there is a critical drug shortage of CNS acting agents now in the whole country which have apparently no alternatives and currently inaccessible to different institutions and used in some major disorders like Bipolar Effective Disorder, Epilepsy, Schizophrenia, Psychotic Disorders etc. The shortage of these medicines will affect the patient conditions tremendously as depriving them from these medicines will cause relapse and recurrence of the disorders, some patients can even commit suicide. Along with patients, physicians and pharmacists are frantic specially where there is no alternative available in the market, so therefore from the platform of PSHP it is requested to kindly pursue the pharmaceutical manufacturer to ensure the availability of these product in the market as well as in the hospitals.

Some of the major drugs which are short now are as follows:

1. Lithium Carbonate 500 mg Tablets
2. Valproate 250/500 mg Tablets
3. Ephedrine Injection
4. Pamidronate Injection (All strengths)
5. Ketamine Injection
6. Clonazepam Drops
7. Amantadine 100 mg Tablets

This will be a great service for the cause of mental and general health and will provide great relief to the patients having these critical disorders. We hope this shall be considered on priority basis.

Thanks & regards

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