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Dear Prescribers

Reminder: potassium content of Macrogols (Laxido®, Movicol®)

Each sachet of Macrogol Oral Powder contains 46.6mg potassium chloride (5.4mmol).
There have been several instances recently where the administration of Macrogols has contributed significantly to hyperkalaemia.

If there is a risk of high potassium levels, the use of lactulose +/- senna is recommended as alternative laxatives.

If any further advice is required, contact the pharmacy department or your ward pharmacist.

Regards
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