



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
Office of the Secretary

March 27, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 283 s. 1976

SUBJECT : **BANNING AND WITHDRAWAL OF PENICILLIN FOR
TOPICAL APPLICATION**

It has been established that penicillin when topically applied can be absorbed through the skin to cause hypersensitivity reaction to the user . However, the proof or evidences that penicillin for topical use is adequately effective is lacking.

In the interest of consumer protection and as a guidance to pharmaceutical manufacturer, distributor and retail outlets, the following are hereby promulgated :

ORDERS

1. Effective immediately, Penicillin Ointment and other penicillin – containing products for topical application are no longer registrable.
2. Henceforth , the registration of the hereunder are recalled and cancelled.
 - a .all penicillin ointment and other penicillin containing products for topical application :
3. For the orderly phasing out of stock which have been distributed to retail outlets prior to the issuance of this order, all stocks should have been recalled and withdrawn by the manufacturer or distributor before June 30, 1976.

Recommended by:

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