

Society for Endocrinology - Media Release



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Society for Endocrinology releases updated position statement on the use of dopamine agonists in endocrine disorders

The Society for Endocrinology has issued an updated position statement concerning the use of dopamine agonists in the treatment of patients with endocrine disorders. The full statement can be viewed at:

http://www.endocrinology.org/policy/docs/09-02_Dopamine_Agonists.pdf

Low doses of dopamine agonists are routinely used in the treatment of pituitary disorders such as hyperprolactinaemia or acromegaly. Over the last decade, evidence has emerged that the use of high doses in the management of Parkinson's disease is associated with cardiac valve fibrosis.

The Society for Endocrinology has released this updated position statement in light of concerns over the association of chronic use of low doses of dopamine agonists (cabergoline and bromocriptine) for the treatment of endocrine patients with a risk of cardiac valve fibrosis⁽¹⁾.

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Notes for editors:

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The Society for Endocrinology is the major British society representing scientists, clinicians and nurses who work with hormones. We aim to advance education and research in endocrinology for the public benefit and to promote endocrinology and hormone awareness to the wider community. For general information, please visit our website: www.endocrinology.org

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⁽¹⁾ MHRA Drug Safety Update

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON028267>