

Issue a "Dear Health Care Provider" letter to help inform physicians of the potential adverse neurological effects.

Place a boxed warning on the label to reflect the possible irreversible peripheral neuropathy associated with this class of antibiotics. This is mentioned in the package insert but not the prescribing literature given to consumers at the pharmacy.

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These additional safety warnings would help to inform medical providers and the public about the long term effects of fluoroquinolone antibiotics. Fluoroquinolones often cause delayed adverse reactions and this should be added to the above mentioned boxed warnings and "Dear Doctor" letters. The main importance of these safety warnings is that it would increase the likelihood of earlier medical intervention when symptoms first appear. This would help to prevent further injury. It is vital that patients are provided adequate disclosure of the potential long term adverse effects in order to educate themselves prior to prescription drug use. Again, this letter does not advocate removing fluoroquinolone antibiotics from the market, rather it's passing on Mr. Fratti's interest in improving the safety warnings. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mauree A. Gingrich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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