

Acidity drug Carlox not approved in Oman: MoH

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MUSCAT -- The Ministry of Health has announced that the drug 'Carlox suspension', which has been the subject of an intense short text message (SMS) buzz among the general public over its purported adverse effects, is not being dispensed in the Sultanate. The pharmaceutical preparation, produced by Pharma Company of the United Arab Emirates, is used in the treatment of acidity.

A statement issued here yesterday said Carlox suspension is neither registered nor approved by the Ministry. Accordingly, the drug is neither available at any of the private pharmacies in the Sultanate, nor has it been sanctioned for distribution through any government health unit. "The Ministry of Health assures the public that this drug is not in circulation in the Sultanate.

The Ministry, represented by the Directorate General of Pharmaceutical Affairs and Drug Control, takes all necessary precautions to inspect other items of the said company, in anticipation of any similar incidence, by means of comprehensive analysis of all drugs of this company exported to the Sultanate of Oman before they are released and put into circulation. The same is part of a strict, routine practice by the Ministry aimed at preserving the health and safety of both Omani and expatriate patients in the Sultanate of Oman," the statement added.

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