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Dear Doctor:

You may be aware of the FDA order to withdraw Mystecilin-F from the market due to the NAS/NRC panel's report on Mystecilin-F, indicating that they are not aware of evidence of proved efficacy in the prevention of disease due to monilial organisms, although suppression of growth of monilia may be accomplished.

IF you believe Mystecilin-F has had a definite useful place among the antibiotics prescribed in your practice, particularly for those types of patients prone to candidal infections (women with a history of candidiasis, elderly patients, debilitated patients, diabetics, patients on corticosteroids, etc);

IF your medical opinion is that spread of intestinal candida to cause candidiasis is a risk which in the indicated conditions should be considered in using antibiotic therapy; *It definitely has* *Yes*

IF you feel that the combination contained in Mystecilin-F in your experience is convenient, useful, effective and of definite value in the care of your patients; *It is*

IF you feel the FDA order to withdraw Mystecilin-F from availability for prescription use would create an unnecessary and inconvenient restriction on your prescribing freedom to the detriment of your patients - *It would*

Please forward your opinion to:

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