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Shionogi Launches Carbapenem Antibiotic Product
“Finibax 0.25g IV Solution Kit” (Doripenem Hydrate)

Osaka, June 9, 2006 – Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Osaka, President: Motozo Shiono) announced the launch in Japan today of the carbapenem antibiotic product “Finibax 0.25g IV Solution Kit” (generic name: doripenem hydrate)

Finibax 0.25g IV Solution Kit is a kit formulation of Finibax 0.25g IV Solution, a novel carbapenem antibiotic created by Shionogi. Comprising the injectable antibiotic and its diluting agent, Finibax 0.25g IV Solution Kit is designed to enhance usability by simplifying the dissolution process, thereby preventing errors in preparation, contamination with foreign matter and other problems. In addition, since there is no need to separate components for disposal, it is expected to increase user-friendliness.

Launched in September, 2005, Finibax 0.25g IV Solution has a broad antibacterial spectrum, covering gram-positive to gram-negative bacteria and aerobic to anaerobic bacteria. It has also shown strong bactericidal activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, making it highly useful in treating various types of moderate to severe infections.

Shionogi will devote every effort to appropriate promotions to ensure that the introduction of Finibax 0.25g IV Solution Kit in the market helps contribute even further to the treatment of bacterial infections.

A summary of the product follows.

Finibax 0.25g IV Solution Kit Product Summary

- Product name: Finibax 0.25g IV Solution Kit
- Generic name: Doripenem hydrate
- Acquisition of manufacturing and marketing approval: March 24, 2006
- NHI drug price listing: June 9, 2006
- Launch date: June 9, 2006
- Main characteristics of kit formulation:
 - (1) Simple dissolution process
 - (2) Sterile dissolution is possible
 - (3) Prevents errors in preparation
 - (4) No need to separate components for disposal
 - (5) Reduces storage space requirements
- NHI drug price: ¥1,737 for one 250mg kit (including 100ml of normal saline solution)

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