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A recent incident occurred with one of our colleagues in a private hospital, where 0.5 ml (2500 units) of heparin was prepared by regular Nursery RN instead of the recent Ministry of Health distributed hepatitis B vaccine (Euvax-B[®]). The vaccine comes in ten doses vial, and resembles heparin vial (Above Figure). If the two vials were open and were put next to each other the nurse may easily mix heparin for hepatitis B, and the newborn may receive an incidental toxic dose of heparin as happened with our index case.

Caution:

- 1. Always check with nurses the vial from which the vaccine was prepared.**
- 2. Do not put the hepatitis B vaccine on the same shelf with other serious medicines.**
- 3. Consider putting a colored tape (red) over the Euvax-B vial.**

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