

## **Supplementary Information on Using Gentian Violet for Intraductal Candidiasis**

In the August 2019 issue of the newsletter, Infant and Toddler Feeding Case Files: Breast Pain Without a Lump, it was recommended that for second-line treatment of Intraductal Candidiasis, 0.5-1% Gentian violet applied on mother's nipples and baby's oral mucosa, once a day for a maximum of 4 days, could be considered.

The author and editorial team would like to draw reader's attention to a safety review of drugs issued by Health Canada:

<http://hpr-rps.hres.ca/reg-content/summary-safety-review-detail.php?lang=en&linkID=SSR00224>

Health Canada conducted a health risk assessment on drugs containing gentian violet and concluded that there was a potential association between gentian violet and cancer, based on animal studies. While there had not been reported human cases of cancer associated topical gentian violet use world-wide, due to the seriousness of the risk, stopping the use of gentian violet was advised.