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Shionogi & Co., Ltd.

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

Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Osaka, President: Motozo Shiono) launched the carbapenem antibiotic product “Finibax 0.25g IV Solution” (generic name: doripenem hydrate) on September 16 in Japan.

Finibax 0.25g IV Solution is a novel carbapenem antibiotic created by Shionogi, which received manufacturing and marketing approval on July 25. The product was added to the NHI drug price list on September 16 and launched on the same day.

Carbapenems are classified as beta-lactam antibiotics, and exhibit broad and strong antibacterial activity. 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 efficacy against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, making it highly useful in treating various types of moderate to severe infections.

The launch of Finibax 0.25g IV Solution enhances Shionogi’s lineup of antibiotic products, and will enable the company to contribute further to the treatment of bacterial infections. Through appropriate promotion, Shionogi will devote every effort toward the quick establishment of Finibax 0.25g IV Solution in the market.

A summary of the product follows.

## Finibax 0.25g IV Solution Product Summary

- Product name: Finibax 0.25g IV Solution
- Generic name: Doripenem hydrate
- Acquisition of manufacturing and marketing approval: July 25, 2005
- NHI drug price listing: September 16, 2005
- Launch date: September 16, 2005
- Main characteristics: Has a broad spectrum of antibacterial activity, from gram-positive to gram-negative bacteria and aerobic to anaerobic bacteria; shows strong antibacterial activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- NHI drug price: ¥1,247 for one 250mg bottle

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