



Compliance Alert

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Urgent! Recall Communication

Abbott Diabetes Care has issued a recall of 359 lots of glucose test strips because they may give falsely low blood glucose results. This may lead patients to raise their blood glucose when it is unnecessary or fail to treat elevated blood glucose due to a falsely low reading. The test strips included in the recall include: Medisense Optium, Optium, OptiumEZ, Precision Xtra, ReliOn Ultima or Precision Xceed Pro Test Strips.

Patients and providers should check supplies of glucose test strips made by Abbott to see if they are from a recalled lot. This can be determined by entering the lot number on Abbott's website at: www.precisionoptiuminfo.com or by calling Abbott at 1-800-448-5234. Test strips from a recalled lot should not be used and patients should immediately be switched to test strips from an unaffected lot. Abbott will replace recalled test strips at no charge. Replacement can be coordinated by calling Abbott at 1-800-448-5234. Patients can also contact their doctor or pharmacist if they have any questions.

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