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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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The Ritedose Corporation has issued a recall of 14 lots of 0.083% Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution, 3mL in 25, 30 and 60 unit dose vials because the 2.5mg/3mL single use vials are embossed with the wrong concentration of 0.5mg/3mL. Healthcare professionals may see the incorrect concentration and upwardly adjust the volume, which could lead to severe adverse effects such as tremors, seizures, high blood pressure, increased heart rate and even death. The affected lots are as follows:

Recalled Lot Numbers						
0N81	0N82	0N83	0N84	0NE7	0NE8	0NE9
0NF0	0P12	0P13	0P46	0P47	0PF0	0S15

Patients and providers should check supplies of 0.083% Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution, 3mL in 25, 30 or 60 unit dose vials from The Ritedose Corporation to see if they are from a recalled lot. Product from a recalled lot should be returned to the place it was obtained. The Ritedose Corporation can be contacted by phone: 1-803-935-3995 (Monday through Friday 8 A.M to 5 P.M. EST) or by email: recall@ritedose.com.

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American Regent has issued a recall of unexpired lots of Sodium Bicarbonate Injection, 7.5% and 8.4%, 50mL single dose vials. This recall is being conducted because there is a chance that some vials may contain particles.

Patients and providers should check supplies of Sodium Bicarbonate Injection, 7.5% and 8.4%, 50mL single dose vials from American Regent. These products should not be used. Hospitals, infusion centers, clinics and healthcare providers, or patients with questions may contact American Regent's Professional Services Department at 1-800-645-1706. Patients can also contact their doctor or pharmacist if they have any questions.

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