



Compliance Alert

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Urgent! Recall Communication

The Triad Group has recalled all lots of **alcohol prep pads, alcohol swabs and alcohol swab-sticks**. The company has recalled the lots due to concern about potential contamination with the bacteria, *Bacillus cerus*. These alcohol preparation products have been co-packaged and distributed with several injectable medications.

Unlike most recalls, the actual medication is not being recalled and is safe to continue using. However, the recalled alcohol preparation products co-packaged with these medications should not be used. The Triad Group manufactures these products on behalf of several other manufacturers making it difficult to identify the recalled products.

If any member has received a prescription for an injectable medication co-packaged with alcohol preparation products from Triad Group within the past 120 days, they should contact their pharmacist, their provider or their Pharmacy Benefit Manager in an attempt to get the manufacturer's information.

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Qualitest Pharmaceuticals recently announced a recall of certain lots of **Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen (10mg/500mg) and Phenobarbital 32.4mg tablets** because the labeling on the bottles may have been switched. As a result of this labeling mix-up, patients may unintentionally take Hydrocodone and Acetaminophen instead of the intended dose of Phenobarbital. In addition to the potential for serious adverse events from the unintended administration of Hydrocodone and Acetaminophen, missing doses of Phenobarbital could result in loss of seizure control.

Qualitest Pharmaceuticals recommends the following:

- Patients with a prescription for these medications should call the pharmacies to see if they have product from the recalled lots.
- The recalled medications should not be used. Patients should return recalled medications to the place it was obtained for a replacement.
- If you have any questions, you can contact Qualitest at 1-800-444-4011 for more information.

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