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FDA Drug Recalls: Summer 2011

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The Food and Drug Administration works tirelessly to try and protect all consumers from the harm that tainted drugs and medical supplies can cause. While many of us may have left town on summer vacations recently, the FDA kept regularly issuing its critical drug recall notices throughout that time period.

The summer of 2011 involved a number of recalls of both well-known products and some rather obscure items. We hope you'll carefully review this list to be sure you're not still using any of these products at home or in your professional offices.

Summer 2011 Recalls

- On August 24th, H and P Industries, Inc., agreed to recall all lots of **Povidone Iodine Swabsticks**, **Povidone Iodine Prep Solutions**, **Povidone Iodine Scrub Solutions** and **Povidone Iodine Prep Gel**;
- On August 2nd, American Regent, Inc., voluntarily recalled seventeen lots of **Vasopressin Injection**, USP, Multiple Dose Vials due to sub-potency;
- On June 28th, McNeil Consumer Healthcare agreed to recall one product lot of **TYLENOL ® Extra Strength Caplets 225 Count** that had been sold in the United States;
- On June 24th, Qualitest Pharmaceuticals voluntarily recalled four lots of **Butalbital**, **Acetaminophen**, and **Caffeine Tablets**, USP 50mg/325mg/40mg and four lots of **Hydrocodone Bitartrate** and **Acetaminophen Tablets** USP 7.5mg/500mg;

- Also on June 24th, Endo Pharmaceuticals agreed to recall two lots of **Endocet** (**Oxycodone/Acetaminophen**, USP) **Tablets**, 10MG/325MG;
- On June 17th, Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. voluntarily recalled one lot of **RISPERDAL® Tablets** and one lot of **Risperidone Tablets**;
- Nature Relief issued a voluntarily recall on June 22nd of **Nature Relief Instant Wart and Mole Remover**. This product is considered unsafe because it may contain ingredients that can burn a consumer's skin;
- On June 6th, American Regent, Inc., agreed to recall **Methyldopate HCL Injection**, USP 5 mL Single Dose Vial due to glass particulates. This is an especially important recall since "some of the vials of this lot contained translucent visible particles consistent with glass delamination" that can cause serious internal health consequences;
- On May 19th, American Regent, Inc., agreed to recall yet another product it distributes. Particulates seem to be present in its **Sterile Water for Injection**, USP 50 mL Single Dose Vials. If injected, this water can cause serious internal health problems; and
- On May 2nd, Bristol-Myers Squibb voluntarily recalled **Coumadin (Warfarin Sodium) Crystalline** 5 mg **Tablets**, Lot Number 9H49374A.

Consumers are asked to stop using these drugs and other products immediately. Additional instructions for handling these recalls are set forth in the individual press releases issued with each recall. A link is provided above to each recall underneath the name of the manufacturer or distributor involved. *(Since the list of recalled drug products set forth above was not intended to be fully comprehensive, readers may want to review the entire Summer 2011 list of FDA recalled drugs at the following link: http://www.fda.gov/drugs/DrugSafety/DrugRecalls/default.htm)*