Rx UPDATE

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Qualitest Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Expanded Accusure® Insulin Syringe Recall

On October 27, 2009, Qualitest Pharmaceuticals, Inc. announced a nationwide, Class I recall for all lots of its Accusure Insulin Syringes. This recall is an expansion of the previous Class I recall announced on August 21, 2009 which only affected two syringe lots. Accusure Insulin Syringes were distributed to wholesalers and pharmacies in the U.S. and Puerto Rico between January 2002 and October 2009. This recall involves Accusure Insulin Syringes with the following descriptions and NDC numbers:

Syringe Type & Size	NDC Number
28G 1/2cc	0603-6995-21
28G 1cc	0603-6996-21
29G 1/2cc	0603-6997-21
29G 1cc	0603-6998-21
30G 1/2cc	0603-999-21
30G 1cc	0603-7000-21
31G 1/2cc	0603-7001-21
31G 1cc	0603-7002-21

This recall was issued due to the possibility that the products' needles can detach from the syringes. When the needle becomes detached from the syringe during use, it can become stuck in the insulin vial, push back into the syringe, or remain in the skin after an injection.

This is classified as a Class I recall. A Class I recall is the most serious type of recall and is issued when there is a high probability that product use or exposure will cause serious adverse effects or death. This recall only affects Accusure Insulin Syringes and does not affect any other brand of insulin syringes.

Patients who are in possession of Accusure Insulin Syringes are advised to stop using the syringes and contact Qualitest Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-800-444-4011 for product replacement instructions.

Member and physician notifications will be coordinated with clients through our account management team. As part of our pharmacy benefit management services, Catalyst Rx partners with clients, members, physicians, and pharmacies to provide updates regarding medication safety issues, industry news and changes to product availability. Catalyst Rx will continue to carefully monitor the situation and provide updates as appropriate.

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