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URGENT PRODUCT RECALL

Baxter Healthcare has issued a voluntary recall of all their Heparin products. This includes all lots of their HEP-LOCK (Heparin Lock Flush Solution, USP) and HEP-LOCK U/P (Preservative –Free Heparin Lock Flush Solution). Included on this recall are also all the Heparin solution injections, both single and multi-dose vials. Items recalled are as follows: Heparin Sodium Injection, 1000 units/ml - 1ml, 10ml, and 30ml vials; Heparin Sodium Injection, 1500 units/ml, 1ml and 10ml vials; Heparin Sodium Injection, 10,000 units/ml - 1ml and 4ml in 5ml vials.

The voluntary recall is due to: REASON: Precaution due to an increase in reports of adverse patient reactions including abdominal pain, abdominal pain (upper), decreased blood pressure, burning sensation, chest pain, diarrhea, dizziness, drug ineffectiveness, dyspepsia, dyspnea, erythema, flushing, headache, hyperhidrosis, hypoesthesia, hypotension, lacrimation increased, loss of consciousness, malaise, nausea, pallor, palpitations, paresthesia, paresthesia (oral), pharyngeal edema, restlessness, vomiting/retching, stomach discomfort, tachycardia, thirst, trismus, and unresponsiveness to stimuli.

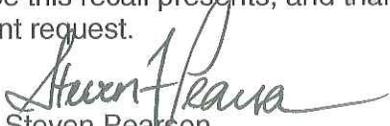
Baxter has been in constant communication with the FDA to assure availability of heparin products prior to initiating this recall action. FDA has confirmed that alternative suppliers of heparin products are now able to supply the market while Baxter is in the process of performing an in-depth investigation to determine the root cause of the reported reactions.

We ask for your cooperation in taking the following action:

- Please examine your inventory at once. If you have the recalled product in question, immediately cease distribution.
- After confirming the product was purchased from SSC, please mark all cartons as follows: "**Recall Materials Enclosed**", and return to: HHS Supply Service Center, Building 14, Perry Point, MD 21902

Important: Please complete the enclosed recall response form and return it before **April 15, 2008** to expedite processing of your return goods credit. Accounts will be credited upon receipt of the recalled product.

If you have any questions about this recall, please contact Quality Assurance at 1-800-642-0263. We apologize for any inconvenience this recall presents, and thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this urgent request.


Steven Pearson
Director

Recall Response Form HHS Supply Service Center

The following product has been identified as previously being stocked by HHS Supply Service Center with the main manufacturer of this product being Baxter. Please complete and enclose a copy of this form with your returned goods if you have received this item from HHS Supply Service Center.

Heparin Sodium Injection all single and multi-dose vials

HEP-LOCK (Heparin Lock Flush Solution, USP) and HEP-LOCK U/P (Preservative -Free Heparin Lock Flush Solution).

Point of Contact (POC): _____

Customer Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Product Description	NDC	Quantity

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