



FDA Issues Recall of Accusure Insulin Syringes

On October 27, 2009 the FDA announced a nationwide recall of Accusure Insulin Syringes manufactured by Qualitest Pharmaceuticals. All syringes, regardless of lot number, are subject to this recall. These syringes were distributed between January 2002 and October 2009 to wholesale and retail pharmacies nationwide (including Puerto Rico).

Accusure Insulin Syringes are used for the subcutaneous administration of insulin. The syringes being recalled may have needles which detach from the syringe. If the needle becomes detached from the syringe during use, it can become stuck in the insulin vial, push back into to the syringe, or remain in the skin after injection.

Affected NDC Numbers:

00603699721
00603699921
00603700121
00603699821
00603700021
00603700221

Patients are advised to contact their provider to discuss alternative syringe options. In addition, patients should stop using these syringes and contact Qualitest at 1-800-444-4011 for reimbursement. Related information can be found at the FDA website at www.fda.gov or by calling the FDA consumer inquiry line toll-free at 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332).

In response to this event, FutureScripts is:

- Posting a point-of-sale (POS) message to retail pharmacists. Claims submitted for the affected NDCs for these products will reject at the point of sale with the following message: "NDC NOT ON FILE".
- Overriding refill-too-soon rejections for members needing replacement syringes
- Posting a Web Alert for our members and providers on www.futurescripts.com

References:

Food and Drug Administration website. Available at www.fda.gov. Accessed October 28, 2009.