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**CLASS I RECALL**  
**Abbott Diabetes Care Blood Glucose Test Strips**

Dear Valued Member:

On February 15, 2011, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) upgraded the recent Abbott Diabetes Care blood glucose test strip recall from a voluntary to a Class I medical device recall. A Class I recall is the most serious type of recall and is issued when there is a high probability that product use will cause serious adverse effects or death.

The initial recall was announced on December 22, 2010 as a voluntary recall of 359 lots of MediSense Optium, Optium, OptiumEZ, Precision Xceed Pro, Precision Xtra and ReliOn Ultima blood glucose test strips in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Test strips displaying the recalled lot numbers were manufactured between January and May 2010 and sold either directly to patients or distributed for use in health care facilities. The blood glucose monitors used with these test strips are not being recalled and can continue to be used by patients.

The affected test strips may report low blood glucose results due to a defect that inhibits sufficient absorption of blood into the test strip. Exposure to warm weather or prolonged storage may increase the likelihood of the test strips providing a false blood glucose reading. These false low readings may lead patients to try to raise their blood glucose when it is unnecessary to do so, or cause patients to fail to treat elevated blood glucose.

Members can determine if they are in possession of a recalled test strip by visiting Abbott's website at [www.precisionoptiuminfo.com/](http://www.precisionoptiuminfo.com/) and checking their product lot number. The lot number is located on the bottom of the test strip carton and on the back of the test strip foil package. Members who are in possession of blood glucose test strips from the recalled lots are advised to discontinue use and contact Abbott Diabetes Care Customer Service at 1-800-448-5234 (English) or 1-800-709-7010 (Español) for product replacement instructions.

Adverse effects experienced from Abbott Diabetes Care blood glucose test strip usage should be reported to the FDA's *MedWatch* program at [www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm).

If you have not recently purchased or are not currently using Abbott Diabetes Care blood glucose test strips, please disregard this letter.

Sincerely,

FutureScripts