



**Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration**

Date

Dear Veteran:

You are receiving this letter because you were given a prescription for:

**PROCRIPT® (EPOETIN ALPHA) INJECTION 10,000 UNITS/2ML VIALS
LOT NUMBER P114942A (EXPIRES DECEMBER 2010)**

This medication is in a liquid form and is used to increase your hemoglobin (red blood cells) and prevent blood transfusions.

The manufacturer is asking that the product be returned since the medication vial might have a crack in it and the liquid inside might not be sterile. Call your Healthcare Provider if you think you have an infection after taking this medication. Symptoms may include: fever, chills, and feeling unwell. Even if you have taken all the medication, please return used vials if you have them (please do not take any more contaminated medication). Please return this letter indicating that you have no empty vials if you have used all the vials that were sent.

Please check the label of your medication for the affected Lot numbers. The Lot number is located towards the right edge of the label. The Lot number appears above the expiration date and follows the word "LOT". The bottle must be turned on its side for the numbers to appear upright. If you received a carton of several vials of Procrit®, the Lot number is also in the upper left hand corner of the top panel of the carton.

If you have **Procrit® (epoetin alpha) injection 10,000 units/2ml vials with the Lot number P114942A (Expires December 2010)** please return it immediately to your VA pharmacy. No other lot numbers of this product are a problem.

[include instructions on how the patient should return the product and receive a new prescription]

Sincerely,