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**ITEM:** Medtronic Recall of MiniMed Infusion Sets Due to Potential Over-Delivery of Insulin

**SPECIFIC INCIDENT(S):** Medtronic is voluntarily recalling specific lots of infusion sets used with all models of Medtronic insulin pumps.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- Field reports from patients and root cause analyses show that a component, the vent membrane, in the recalled infusion sets may be susceptible to being blocked by fluid during the process of priming/fill-tubing.
- This blockage can lead to potential over-delivery of insulin shortly after an infusion set change, which may cause hypoglycemia.
- Hypoglycemia requiring medical intervention has been reported to the manufacturer.
- The recall concerns a certain discontinued component in these infusion sets and does not include insulin pumps or glucose sensors. Currently manufactured infusion sets, available to patients since April 2017, include a design update of this component which the company believes reduces the risk of insulin over-delivery after an infusion set change.
- This is an extension of the product sequestration actions in **Product Recall Office Log # 12322** (available at: <http://vaww.recalls.ncps.med.va.gov/WebRecalls/Recalls.html>). Affected product to remove from inventory can be located in aforementioned link.
- Providers should continue to report any adverse events with the use of Medtronic MiniMed Infusion Sets by entering the information into electronic patient event reports (ePERs) and/or via local reporting mechanisms. Adverse events should also be reported, as appropriate, to the VA ADERS program and FDA MedWatch (1-800-FDA-1088, fax 1-800-FDA-0178, online at <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/medwatch/medwatch-online.htm>, or by mail).

**ACTIONS:****PROVIDER NOTIFICATION:**

- **Facility Director** (or physician designee): Forward this document to the Facility Chief of Staff (COS).
- **Facility COS** (and Chief Nurse Executives): Forward this document to all appropriate providers who prescribe this agent (e.g., **primary care providers, endocrinology, and pharmacy staff, including contract providers**, etc.). In addition, forward to the Associate Chief of Staff (ACOS) for Research and Development (R&D). Forward to other VA employees as deemed appropriate.
- **ACOS for R&D:** Forward this document to Principal Investigators (PIs) who have authority to practice at the facility and to your respective Institutional Review Board (IRB).

**PATIENT NOTIFICATION:**

- **Chief of Pharmacy:** Within 10 business days of issue (due 10/02/2017):
  - Determine whether the affected product(s) was dispensed to any patient(s) for home administration. CMOP data will be provided by CMOP representatives to Pharmacy Chiefs.
  - Every patient potentially affected should be notified urgently. If an affected lot(s) was dispensed to a patient(s) for home administration, then:
    - Identify the patient(s).
    - Contact the patient(s) who may have received the affected product(s) for home administration by letter (or other means).
      - A sample letter can be found at:  
<https://www.medtronicdiabetes.com/res/img/pdfs/MVB-Patient-Notification-Letter.pdf>
      - This template can be altered according to site-specific needs.
      - If patient letters are returned, facility should use another method to contact patient (i.e., phone).
    - Provide patient(s) in possession of the recalled product with instructions on the following:
      - How to identify affected product.
      - How to return the product being recalled to the pharmacy.
      - How to obtain a new supply of product.
      - Patients should not continue to take the product until they obtain replacement product.
      - When the correct product is received, patients should begin using the new product and return the recalled supply as instructed.
  - Communicate to PBM/VAMedSAFE that all patient notification actions have been completed via the VHA Alerts and Recalls Website:  
<http://vaww.recalls.ncps.med.va.gov/WebRecalls/Recalls.html>.
  - Respond directly to PBM indicating:
    - All patients letters were sent out via a carrier that uses a chain of custody procedure that is trackable and traceable.
    - How many returned infusion sets were identified as being affected lots, and that they were all exchanged.

**SOURCE:** FDA, Manufacturer

- REFERENCE(S):**
1. FDA Safety Alerts for Human Medical Products. Diabetes Infusion Sets by Medtronic: Recall - Vent Membrane May be Susceptible to Being Blocked by Fluid.  
<https://www.fda.gov/safety/medwatch/safetyinformation/safetyalertsforhumanmedicalproducts/ucm575778.htm> . Accessed September 12, 2017.
  2. Medtronic MiniMed Infusion Sets: Urgent Medical Device Recall Information.  
<https://www.medtronicdiabetes.com/customer-support/product-and-service-updates/notice7-letter> . Accessed September 12, 2017.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.

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