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Message Type: Alert
Severity: Moderate
Sensitive: Not Sensitive
Message Identifier: HAN #20110110 Recall of Triad Alcohol Prep Pads, Swabs and Swabsticks
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Originating Agency: NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services

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TO: Physicians, Nurses, Infection Control Practitioners, Hospital Emergency Departments, Manchester Health Department, Nashua Health Department, NHHA, Laboratory Response Network, DHHS Outbreak Team, DPHS Investigation Team, Public Health Network, and DPHS Management Team

FROM: Jodie Dionne-Odom, MD, Deputy State Epidemiologist

SUBJECT: Recall of Triad Alcohol Prep Pads, Swabs and Swabsticks due to potential microbial contamination

NH Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) recommends:

- Awareness of a US FDA announcement on January 6, 2011, recalling alcohol swabs from Triad Group (sold under various names).

Description:

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) was recently made aware of a national recall of alcohol prep pads, swabs and swabsticks by the manufacturer, Triad Group (marked both sterile and non-sterile). There are concerns about potential contamination with bacteria, *Bacillus cereus*. Triad Group has received one report of a skin infection, which was not life-threatening, associated with use of the above applicators. The manufacturer states that the use of contaminated applicators could lead to life-threatening infections, especially in at-risk populations, including immunosuppressed and surgical patients. They have not confirmed this information.

These products are packaged in individual packets and sold in retail pharmacies in boxes of 100 packets. Those manufactured for use by a third party may use the following names in their packaging: Cardinal Health, PSS Select, VersaPro, Boca/Ultilet, Moore Medical, Walgreens, CVS and Conzellan.

FDA RECOMMENDATION: If a consumer has any of these types of products in their possession listing "Triad Group" as the manufacturer, they should not use the product and should return it to the place it was purchased for a full refund.

Healthcare professionals and patients are encouraged to report adverse events or side effects related to the use of these products to the FDA's MedWatch Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program:

- Complete and submit the report Online: www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm
- [Download form](#) or call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form, then complete and return to the address on the pre-addressed form, or submit by fax to 1-800-FDA-0178

A full version of the FDA Recall statement can be found online:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm239319.htm>

For any questions regarding the contents of this message, please contact NH DHHS Infectious Disease Investigation and Surveillance Sections at 603-271-4496 (after hours 1-800-852-3345 ext.5300).

DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ALERTING VOCABULARY

Message Type

- Alert: Indicates an original alert
- Update: Indicates prior alert has been updated and superseded
- Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
- Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Status

- Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event
- Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
- Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

Severity

- Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
- Severe: Significant threat to life or property
- Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
- Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
- Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

Sensitive

- Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
- Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert.

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required.

Originating Agency: A guaranteed unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

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