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- Clear Recommendations on Vaccination Are Important to Your Patients

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- Licorice Coughing Liquid - Contains undeclared morphine
 - Sterile Compounded Products Abbott's Cmpd Pharmacy

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- January 2016 Drug Safety Labeling Changes
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- Oxylog 2000 Plus, 3000, and 3000 Plus Emergency Transport Ventilators by Dräger Medical: Class I Recall

FDA approvals

- Aurobindo's generic Vfend
- Two Sumatriptan Treatments for Migraine

FDA Enforcement Report

- Lyrica (pregabalin) capsules, 75 mg, 90-count bottle,
- Nystatin, USP Powder for Rx compounding, 50 Million Units,
- Nystatin, USP Powder for Rx compounding, 150 Million Units,
- Clonazepam Tablets, USP, 0.5 mg, 100-count carton, Rx only,

INSURANCE

- Oklahoma Health Care Authority
 - Prior Authorization of Medications Used to Treat Breast Cancer
 - Yearly Compliance with the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
 - Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing
 - Controlled Substance Monitoring and Drugs of Abuse Testing
- Express Scripts Drops Coverage of Valeant Diabetes Drug Glumetza

01/26/2016	Baxter	·0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, Metronidazole Injection, and Clinimix E 5/15	·Leaking containers and particulate matter	·Baxter International Inc.
01/20/2016	Master Herbs, Inc.	·Licorice Coughing Liquid	·Contains undeclared morphine	·Master Herbs, Inc.
01/16/2016	Abbott's	·Sterile Compounded Products that	·Lack of Sterility	·Abbott's

[Compounding Pharmacy](#)

include injectable medications, sterile solutions, eye drops, and eye ointments

Assurance

Compounding Pharmacy

SHORTAGES February 16, 2016

[Valsartan and Hydrochlorothiazide Tablet, Film Coated](#) (*Discontinuation*)

- [Valsartan Tablets](#) (*Discontinuation*)

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- [Memantine Hydrochloride \(Namenda\) Unit Dose XR Capsules](#) (*Discontinuation*)

February 05, 2016

- [Sodium Bicarbonate Injection, USP](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

February 04, 2016

- [Sodium Bicarbonate Injection, USP](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

February 03, 2016

- [Potassium Acetate Injection, USP](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Sodium Acetate Injection, USP](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

Updated

February 16, 2016

- [Azathioprine Tablet](#) (*Resolved*)

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- [Levetiracetam \(Keppra\) Injection](#) (*Resolved*)

February 11, 2016

- [Memantine Hydrochloride \(Namenda\) XR Capsules](#) (*Resolved*)

February 10, 2016

- [Cefepime Injection](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Imipenem and Cilastatin for Injection, USP](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Meropenem for Injection, USP](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Potassium Chloride Injection](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

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- [Desmopressin Acetate Injection](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program

·[January 2016](#) Drug Safety Labeling Changes includes 26 products with revisions to Prescribing Information. Posted 02/12/2015

·[Central Venous Catheters and Pressure Monitoring Sets and Trays by Cook Medical: Recall - Catheter Tip Fracture and/or Separation](#) Risk of stroke, kidney injury, or damage to the intestines or limbs. Posted 02/11/2016

·[Syrspend SF and Syrspend SF Grape Suspending Agents by Fagron: FDA Alert - Microbial Contamination with Yeast](#) If an immunocompromised patient or a child with an immature immune system ingests the contaminated product, there is a potential the patient will get an infection for which systemic antimicrobial therapy would be necessary. Posted 02/10/2016

·[Oxylog 2000 Plus, 3000, and 3000 Plus Emergency Transport Ventilators by Dräger Medical: Class I Recall - System Error May Lead to a Halt in Ventilation Therapy](#) If the device operator does not intervene, the patient may not receive enough oxygen and could suffer serious adverse health consequences, including injury or death. Posted 02/10/2016

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·<http://www.drugstorenews.com/article/fda-approves-aurobindos-generic-vfend>

FDA Approves Two Sumatriptan Treatments for Migraine

·http://www.neurologyadvisor.com/headache/fda-approves-two-sumatriptan-treatments-for-migraine/article/473624/?DCMP=EMC-Neuro_Update&cpn=&hmSubId=&hmEmail=zc9AEZF4x4rPbtLJAxJhmklDzcJVA8s10&NID=&dl=0&spMailingID=13729496&spUserID=NDgyNTEwMTE5NjYS1&spJobID=720920855&spReportId=NzlwOTlwODU1S0

FDA Enforcement Report

· Lyrica (pregabalin) capsules, 50 mg, 90-count bottle, Rx only, Distributed by: Parke-Davis, Division of Pfizer Inc., NY, NY 10017, NDC 0071-1013-68	·Lot #: M07861, Exp 05/2018	·Class II	·FAILED TABLET/CAPSULE SPECIFICATIONS: Firm is recalling specific lots of pregabalin capsules due to the potential presence of deformed or damaged capsules.	·Pfizer Inc.
· Lyrica (pregabalin) capsules, 75 mg, 90-count bottle, Rx only, Distributed by: Parke-Davis, Division of Pfizer Inc., NY, NY 10017, NDC	·Lot #: M07862, Exp 05/2018; M07865, Exp 06/2018	·Class II	·FAILED TABLET/CAPSULE SPECIFICATIONS: Firm is recalling specific lots of pregabalin capsules due to the potential presence of deformed or damaged capsules.	·Pfizer Inc.

[0071-1014-68](#)

·Nystatin, USP Powder
for Rx compounding, 50
Million Units, Packaged
by Perrigo, Minneapolis
MN 55427, NDC 0574-
0405-05, UPC
305740404058.

·Lot #: 2015050194,
Exp 2/2016

·Class II

·Labeling: label error on
declared strength.

·Perrigo
Company PLC

·Nystatin, USP Powder
for Rx compounding, 150
Million Units, Packaged
by Perrigo, Minneapolis
MN 55427, NDC 0574-
0404-15, UPC
305740404157

·Lot #: 2015080484,
Exp 02/2016

·Class II

·Labeling: label error on
declared strength.

·Perrigo
Company PLC

·Clonazepam Tablets,
USP, 0.5 mg, 100-count
carton, Rx only,
Manufactured by Mylan
Pharmaceuticals Inc.,
Morgantown, WV,
26505, NDC:51079-881-
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·Lot # 3063759,
Exp.07/16

·Class III

·Failed Impurities/Degradation
Specifications: out of
specification result for known
impurity at 6 month timepoint.

·Mylan
Institutional,
Inc. (d.b.a. UDL
Laboratories)

INSURANCE Oklahoma Health Care Authority

2016-04	·Prior Authorization of Medications Used to Treat Breast Cancer	·2/3/2016
2016-03	·Yearly Compliance with the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005	·1/28/2016
2016-02	·Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing	·1/6/2016
2016-01	·Controlled Substance Monitoring and Drugs of Abuse Testing	·1/5/2016

·Express Scripts Drops Coverage of Valeant Diabetes Drug Glumetza

o <http://www.firstreportnow.com/articles/express-scripts-drops-coverage-valeant-diabetes-drug-glumetza>

·IMMUNIZATIONS

·[CDC's Health Alert Network publishes an advisory urging rapid antiviral treatment of very ill and high-risk suspect influenza patients without waiting for testing](#)

o <http://www.immunize.org/express/issue1227.asp>

·Clear Recommendations on Vaccination Are Important to Your Patients

o https://www.merckvaccines.com/FeaturedContent/Pages/home?article=Clear_Recommendations_Help_Get_Patients_Vaccinated

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o https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_157231.html

oPharmacist Education

·**4 GERD Counseling Points for Pharmacists**

o http://www.pharmacytimes.com/resource-centers/acid-reflux/4-gerd-counseling-points-for-pharmacists?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Pharmacy+Times&utm_campaign=PT_eNews_Daily_Nexium_2-16-16

·**In the Clinic: Metformin and Pancreatic Cancer**

o <http://www.cancertherapyadvisor.com/pancreatic-cancer/pancreatic-cancer-metformin-lower-risk-treatment/article/470439/>

NEWS

·**5 Tips for Traveling to the U.S. With Medications**

o <http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm484154.htm>

·**Another STD Spurs Concern**

o British study concludes Mycoplasma genitalium infection is transmitted through sexual contact

o https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_157233.html

·**Greenstone launches Detrol LA authorized generic**

- o http://www.drugstorenews.com/article/greenstone-launches-detrol-la-authorized-generic?utm_term=DSN204811&utm_source=MagnetMail&utm_medium=subject&utm_term=DSN%20Generics%20-%20Greenstone%20launches%20Detrol%20LA%20authorized%20generic&utm_content=DSN-NLE-Generics-2-3-16

·**Encapsulated cells treat diabetes in mice**

- o <http://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/encapsulated-cells-treat-diabetes-mice>

·**Prepublication standards: check out Opioid Treatment Programs update, effective July 1**

- o http://www.jointcommission.org/issues/article.aspx?Article=Rac5IS0DXr2%2bVsvXRxi%2b25U5UCQiPCIVtvzBNLQHK0E%3d&j=2801606&e=randygc2011@yahoo.com&l=9552_HTML&u=70596230&mid=1064717&jb=0

·**Painkillers Don't Ease Disability Due to Nerve Damage: Study**

- o https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_157017.html

ASTHMA

·**Report Calls for New COPD, Asthma Treatment Methods**

- o <http://www.consultant360.com/exclusives/new-treatment-needed-copd-asthma-patients>