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  - [http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm522275.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm522275.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
- **Sterile Products by Wells Pharmacy Network: Recall - Concern for Lack of Sterility Assurance**  
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm522103.htm>
- **HeartWare Ventricular Assist Device (HVAD) Pumps by HeartWare Inc. : Class I Recall - Contamination Causing Electrical Issues**  
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm526416.htm>

Date	Brand Name	Product Description	Reason/Problem	Company
09/20/2016	<a href="#">Wells Pharmacy Network</a>	Sterile human and veterinary compounded products	Concern for Lack of Sterility Assurance	Wells Pharmacy Network
09/14/2016	<a href="#">Virtus</a>	Hyoscyamine Sulfate 0.125 mg tablets	Superpotent and subpotent test results	Virtus Pharmaceuticals Opco II, LLC
09/08/2016	<a href="#">GlucaGen® HypoKit®</a>	Glucagon [rDNA origin] for injection	Detached needles on the syringe in the kit	Novo Nordisk Inc.
09/07/2016	<a href="#">Family Care</a>	Eye Wash	Microbial contamination	United Exchange Corp
09/06/2016	<a href="#">Rugby, Major</a>	Eye irrigating solution and Eye wash	Possible microbial contamination	United Exchange Corp.
08/26/2016	<a href="#">Lamotrigine</a>	Lamotrigine	Incorrect labeling of blister cards	Impax Laboratories, Inc

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  - <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/drugshortages/default.cfm>

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- **Skin patch to treat peanut allergy shows benefit in children**
  - <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/skin-patch-treat-peanut-allergy-shows-benefit-children>

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- **FDA Investigating Deaths Potentially Linked to Vascu-Guard Patch**
  - [http://www.pharmacytimes.com/product-news/fda-investigating-deaths-potentially-linked-to-vascu-guard-patch?utm\\_source=Informz&utm\\_medium=Pharmacy+Times&utm\\_campaign=PT%5FeNews%5FDaily%5FEpizicom%5F9%2D21%2D16#sthash.A1q9oT2x.dpuf](http://www.pharmacytimes.com/product-news/fda-investigating-deaths-potentially-linked-to-vascu-guard-patch?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Pharmacy+Times&utm_campaign=PT%5FeNews%5FDaily%5FEpizicom%5F9%2D21%2D16#sthash.A1q9oT2x.dpuf)
  - [http://www.pharmacytimes.com/product-news/fda-investigating-deaths-potentially-linked-to-vascu-guard-patch?utm\\_source=Informz&utm\\_medium=Pharmacy+Times&utm\\_campaign=PT%5FeNews%5FDaily%5FEpizicom%5F9%2D21%2D16](http://www.pharmacytimes.com/product-news/fda-investigating-deaths-potentially-linked-to-vascu-guard-patch?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Pharmacy+Times&utm_campaign=PT%5FeNews%5FDaily%5FEpizicom%5F9%2D21%2D16)
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  - <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/zika-virus-outbreak/cdc-s-new-miami-zika-red-zone-means-stay-out-n669401>

- **Pharmacists Association Recognizes Federal Effort To Reduce Adverse Drug Events**
  - AHRQ's and HHS' Quality Improvement Commitment recognized by American Pharmacists Association

The Department of Health and Human Services has been awarded the American Pharmacists Association (APHA) Foundation's 2016 Pinnacle Award for its commitment to quality improvement initiatives, including AHRQ's work on the *National Scorecard on Hospital-Acquired Conditions*. The National Scorecard has shown that adverse drug events were reduced by 40 percent between 2010 and 2014, and instances of patient harm overall fell by 17 percent during that time. The APHA Foundation specifically mentioned AHRQ's efforts, and those of other HHS agencies, in creating tools and resources and working with frontline pharmacists, physicians, nurses and other caregivers to generate and measure these substantial reductions in adverse drug events. Access a [video](#) highlighting AHRQ's work, and get more information on how the National Scorecard can help your organization.
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