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## RECALLS

### Two OTC Cold Medications Recalled Due to Bacterial Contamination

<http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/node/440400?GUID=EC22DC7A-8C9E-4231-BAFB-C4E25C30003B&rememberme=1&ts=05092017>

### FDA Drug Recalls

<https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugRecalls/default.htm>

Date	Brand Name	Product Description	Reason/ Problem	Company
09/06/2017	<a href="#">Genentech</a>	Activase® (alteplase) 100mg vials	Lack of Sterility Assurance of the Sterile Water for Injection	Genentech
09/01/2017	<a href="#">PharMEDium</a>	Oxytocin	Sub-potency	PharMEDium Services, LLC
08/31/2017	<a href="#">HYDRomorphone, Levophed</a>	Hydromorphone HCl, Levophed	Lack of Sterility Assurance	Hospira, Inc.
08/30/2017	<a href="#">Hospira, Inc.</a>	Vancomycin Hydrochloride for Injection	Particulate Matter	Hospira, Inc.
08/30/2017	<a href="#">Doctor Manzanilla</a>	Allergy, cough medicine	Burkholderia cepacia	Mid Valley Pharmaceutical
08/30/2017	<a href="#">Pivanping</a>	Anti-Itch Lotion	Contains dexamethasone instead of hydrocortisone	Lucky Mart Inc.
08/22/2017	<a href="#">Centurion</a>	Ninjacof and Ninjacof A	Potential contamination with Burkholderia cepacia	Centurion Labs
08/18/2017	<a href="#">Bella Pharma</a>	All lots of unexpired sterile drug products	Due to lack of sterility assurance	Bella Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
08/17/2017	<a href="#">Atlantic Pharmacy and Compounding</a>	All compounded injectable prescription medications	Due to lack of sterility assurance	Vital Rx, Inc. d/b/a Atlantic Pharmacy and Compounding
08/14/2017	<a href="#">Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC</a>	Lorazepam Oral Concentrate, USP 2mg/mL	Misprinted Dosing Droppers	Amneal Pharmaceuticals L

## SHORTAGES

### Current and Resolved Drug Shortages and Discontinuations Reported to FDA September 22, 2017

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/drugshortages/default.cfm?elqTrackId=489a24d7056f48619c9a45e506895e18&elq=576a591916224143b0d0970937e54a71&elqaid=586&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=224>

## DRUG

### Single-Dose Oral Therapy for Bacterial Vaginosis Gets Approval

[http://www.empr.com/news/bacterial-vaginosis-antibiotic-solosec-secnidazole-granules-symbiomix/article/689338/?DCMP=EMC-MPR\\_DailyDose\\_cp20170918&cpn=Pharm&hmSubId=07oGyhxXy0c1&hmEmail=zc9AEZF4x4rPbtLJAxJhmkIDzcjVA8s10&NID=&c\\_id=&dl=0&spMailingID=18107676&spUserID=NDgyNTEwMTE5NjYS1&spJobID=1101208931&spReportId=MTEwMTIwODkzMQS2](http://www.empr.com/news/bacterial-vaginosis-antibiotic-solosec-secnidazole-granules-symbiomix/article/689338/?DCMP=EMC-MPR_DailyDose_cp20170918&cpn=Pharm&hmSubId=07oGyhxXy0c1&hmEmail=zc9AEZF4x4rPbtLJAxJhmkIDzcjVA8s10&NID=&c_id=&dl=0&spMailingID=18107676&spUserID=NDgyNTEwMTE5NjYS1&spJobID=1101208931&spReportId=MTEwMTIwODkzMQS2)

### New Drug Product: Vyxeos

[http://www.empr.com/new-drug-product-vyxeos/slideshow/4044/?DCMP=EMC-MPR\\_FirstLook\\_cp&cpn=Pharm&hmSubId=07oGyhxXy0c1&hmEmail=zc9AEZF4x4rPbtLJAxJhmkIDzcjVA8s10&NID=&c\\_id=&dl=0&spMailingID=18114784&spUserID=NDgyNTEwMTE5NjYS1&spJobID=1101274297&spReportId=MTEwMTI3NDI5NwS2](http://www.empr.com/new-drug-product-vyxeos/slideshow/4044/?DCMP=EMC-MPR_FirstLook_cp&cpn=Pharm&hmSubId=07oGyhxXy0c1&hmEmail=zc9AEZF4x4rPbtLJAxJhmkIDzcjVA8s10&NID=&c_id=&dl=0&spMailingID=18114784&spUserID=NDgyNTEwMTE5NjYS1&spJobID=1101274297&spReportId=MTEwMTI3NDI5NwS2)

### Teva relauches Depo-Provera generic

[http://www.drugstorenews.com/article/teva-relauches-depo-provera-generic?tp=i-H9D-Q5U-4aF-6jDWz-1v-1qda-1c-1ARs-G-6jAvW-Ujwz1&utm\\_campaign=Daily&utm\\_source=Experian&utm\\_medium=email&cid=17623&mid=99434793](http://www.drugstorenews.com/article/teva-relauches-depo-provera-generic?tp=i-H9D-Q5U-4aF-6jDWz-1v-1qda-1c-1ARs-G-6jAvW-Ujwz1&utm_campaign=Daily&utm_source=Experian&utm_medium=email&cid=17623&mid=99434793)

## HOSPITAL

## FDA

### FDA Approvals

[http://www.journalofclinicalpathways.com/resource/fda\\_approvals](http://www.journalofclinicalpathways.com/resource/fda_approvals)

### FDA Warns Patients About Not Taking Kayexalate With Other Oral Drugs

<http://www.jwatch.org/fw113296/2017/09/07/fda-warns-patients-about-not-taking-kayexalate-with-other?query=pfwTOC&jwd=000020097761&jspc>

### FDA Begins Closing Orphan Drug Program Loopholes

<http://www.managedhealthcareconnect.com/content/fda-begins-closing-orphan-drug-program-loopholes>

### FDA Approves Oral Granules for the Treatment of Bacterial Vaginosis in Adult Women

[http://www.pharmacytimes.com/product-news/fda-approves-oral-granules-for-the-treatment-of-bacterial-vaginosis-in-adult-women?utm\\_term=FDA%20Approves%20Oral%20Granules%20for%20the%20Treatment%20of%20Bacterial%20Vaginosis%20in%20Adult%20Women&utm\\_campaign=PT%20Breaking%20eNews%209-18-17&utm\\_content=email&utm\\_source=Act-On+Software&utm\\_medium=email&cm\\_mmc=Act-On%20Software- -email- -Breaking%20News%3A%20FDA%20Approves%20Oral%20Granules%20for%20the%20Treatment%20of%20Bacterial%20Vaginosis%20in%20Adult%20Women- -FDA%20Approves%20Oral%20Granules%20for%20the%20Treatment%20of%20Bacterial%20Vaginosis%20in%20Adult%20Women](http://www.pharmacytimes.com/product-news/fda-approves-oral-granules-for-the-treatment-of-bacterial-vaginosis-in-adult-women?utm_term=FDA%20Approves%20Oral%20Granules%20for%20the%20Treatment%20of%20Bacterial%20Vaginosis%20in%20Adult%20Women&utm_campaign=PT%20Breaking%20eNews%209-18-17&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email&cm_mmc=Act-On%20Software- -email- -Breaking%20News%3A%20FDA%20Approves%20Oral%20Granules%20for%20the%20Treatment%20of%20Bacterial%20Vaginosis%20in%20Adult%20Women- -FDA%20Approves%20Oral%20Granules%20for%20the%20Treatment%20of%20Bacterial%20Vaginosis%20in%20Adult%20Women)

### Leukemia Drug Approved—For the Second Time

<http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drug-topics/news/leukemia-drug-approved-second-time?GUID=EC22DC7A-8C9E-4231-BAFB-C4E25C30003B&rememberme=1&ts=06092017>

### FDA Warning on Keytruda

<http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/node/440438?GUID=EC22DC7A-8C9E-4231-BAFB-C4E25C30003B&rememberme=1&ts=07092017>

### FDA Sends Warning Letter to EpiPen Manufacturer

<http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drug-topics/news/fda-sends-warning-letter-epipen-manufacturer?GUID=EC22DC7A-8C9E-4231-BAFB-C4E25C30003B&rememberme=1&ts=12092017>

### FDA Expands Nivolumab Approval for Type of Liver Cancer

<http://www.journalofclinicalpathways.com/news/fda-expands-nivolumab-approval-type-liver-cancer>

### FDA conducts major global operation to protect consumers from potentially dangerous prescription drugs sold online

<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm577178.htm>

## IMMUNIZATIONS

### Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/awardees/vaccine-management/price-list/index.html>

### CDC: Updated Influenza Immunization Recommendations for 2017-2018

[http://www.empr.com/news/flu-season-vaccine-quadrivalent-trivalent-acip/article/684558/?DCMP=EMC-MPR\\_DailyDose\\_cp\\_20170903&cpn=Pharm&hmSubId=07oGyhxXy0c1&hmEmail=zc9AEZF4x4rPbtLJAxJhmkIDzcjVA8s10&NID=&c\\_id=&dl=0&spMailingID=18001169&spUserID=NDgyNTEwMTE5NjYS1&spJobID=1100048182&spReportId=MTEwMDA0ODE4MgS2](http://www.empr.com/news/flu-season-vaccine-quadrivalent-trivalent-acip/article/684558/?DCMP=EMC-MPR_DailyDose_cp_20170903&cpn=Pharm&hmSubId=07oGyhxXy0c1&hmEmail=zc9AEZF4x4rPbtLJAxJhmkIDzcjVA8s10&NID=&c_id=&dl=0&spMailingID=18001169&spUserID=NDgyNTEwMTE5NjYS1&spJobID=1100048182&spReportId=MTEwMDA0ODE4MgS2)

### **Newer Rapid Flu Tests More Accurate Than Traditional Rapid Tests**

<http://www.jwatch.org/fw113281/2017/09/05/newer-rapid-flu-tests-more-accurate-traditional-rapid?query=pfwTOC&jwd=000020097761&jspc>

### **Pediatrics Group Issues Flu Vaccine Recommendations for 2017–18**

<http://www.jwatch.org/fw113282/2017/09/05/pediatrics-group-issues-flu-vaccine-recommendations-2017?query=pfwTOC&jwd=000020097761&jspc>

### **A Third MMR Dose Can Help Prevent Mumps During Outbreaks**

<http://www.jwatch.org/fw113291/2017/09/07/third-mmr-dose-can-help-prevent-mumps-during-outbreaks?query=pfwTOC&jwd=000020097761&jspc>

### **"Impressed" FDA Panel Unanimously Recommends GSK Shingles Vaccine**

<http://www.managedhealthcareconnect.com/content/impressed-fda-panel-unanimously-recommends-gsk-shingles-vaccine>

### **Immunization MMWRs**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/news/news-pubs/>

## **DIABETES EDUCATION**

### **Diabetes and Emergency Preparedness**

<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/ndep/people-with-diabetes/emergency.html>

### **Diabetes Threatens Kidneys, Vision of Millions of Americans**

<https://consumer.healthday.com/diabetes-information-10/diet-diabetes-news-178/diabetes-threatens-kidneys-vision-of-millions-of-americans-726462.html>

### **Increasing Salt Intake Tied to Diabetes Risk**

<https://consumer.healthday.com/vitamins-and-nutrition-information-27/salt-and-sodium-news-591/increasing-salt-intake-tied-to-diabetes-risk-726488.html>

### **Diabetes Research Finds Hypoglycemia Increases Death Risk Fourfold**

<http://www.managedhealthcareconnect.com/content/diabetes-research-finds-hypoglycemia-increases-death-risk-fourfold>

### **Diabetes Drug May Benefit Patients With High Risk for Stroke**

<http://www.journalofclinicalpathways.com/news/diabetes-drug-may-benefit-patients-high-risk-stroke>

## **INSURANCE**

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### **More Support for Prostate Cancer Screening?**

<http://www.jwatch.org/fw113280/2017/09/05/more-support-prostate-cancer-screening?query=pfw&jwd=000020097761&jspc>

### **Dr. Reddy's launches Wellbutrin XL, Skelaxin generics**

[http://www.drugstorenews.com/article/dr-reddys-launches-wellbutrin-xl-skelaxin-generics?tp=i-H9D-05U-4Si-6Upw9-1v-1qda-1c-17TT-G-6UjKq-2H0ndU&utm\\_campaign=Daily&utm\\_source=Experian&utm\\_medium=email&cid=17156&mid=96007505](http://www.drugstorenews.com/article/dr-reddys-launches-wellbutrin-xl-skelaxin-generics?tp=i-H9D-05U-4Si-6Upw9-1v-1qda-1c-17TT-G-6UjKq-2H0ndU&utm_campaign=Daily&utm_source=Experian&utm_medium=email&cid=17156&mid=96007505)

### **Costly Drugs to Weigh on U.S. Employers' Expenses in 2018 - Survey**

<http://www.managedhealthcareconnect.com/content/costly-drugs-weigh-us-employers-expenses-2018-survey>

### **Pharmacist Consultation Improved HIV Outcomes, Adherence**

<http://www.managedhealthcareconnect.com/content/pharmacist-consultation-improved-hiv-outcomes-adherence>

### **Oral specialty drug options on the horizon**

<http://managedhealthcareexecutive.modernmedicine.com/managed-healthcare-executive/news/oral-specialty-drug-options-horizon?GUID=EC22DC7A-8C9E-4231-BAFB-C4E25C30003B&rememberme=1&ts=12092017>

### **FDA Considers Compounding Pharmacy Regulations**

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### **How to Save \$8.5 Million in Drug Costs**

<http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drug-topics/news/how-save-85-million-drug-costs?GUID=EC22DC7A-8C9E-4231-BAFB-C4E25C30003B&rememberme=1&ts=22092017>