Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Health Alert Network

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Recall on Certain Brands of Saline and Sterile Water Medical Products

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently issued a “Safety Communication” warning consumers, health care providers, and health care facilities not to use recalled saline (0.9% sodium chloride) and sterile water medical products manufactured by **Nurse Assist, LLC**. The potentially contaminated products are sold under various brands and include a wide range of product types with expiration dates that extend to 2025 and beyond.

Water-based medical products include sterile saline (0.9% sodium chloride) and sterile water medical products used for irrigation or flushing of wounds or medical tubing, such as IV catheters and urinary catheters. Water-based products may also be used for other medical purposes.

The FDA recommends the following for Consumers, Health Care Providers, and Facilities.

- Check your supply of saline (0.9% sodium chloride) and sterile water medical products (bottles, spray cans, cups, and prefilled syringes) to find out if you have any of the recalled products at home or in your health care facility’s inventory.
- Do not use these recalled products and follow the recommendations in the company’s recall announcement.
- Be aware that these recalled products may be available as individual units or may be included as part of a kit.
- If you have questions about this recall, contact Nurse Assist, LLC by phone at 800-649-6800 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm CST or by e-mail at productremovalinfo@nurseassist.com.
- Report any problems with saline and sterile water medical products by Nurse Assist, LLC to the FDA.

For further information including details on affected products (brand names, descriptions and unique device identifiers), and instructions on reporting problems to the FDA please refer to the “Safety Communication” at the following link: https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/safety-communications/2023-safety-communications

In addition to reporting problems to the FDA as described in the “Safety Communication,” healthcare providers should also report any healthcare-associated infections secondary to the use of these recalled products to Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services using the following link https://epi-dhhs.ne.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=7XWYTPPFHAAP3ALX

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