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## **FDA Safety Announcement: Triad Alcohol Prep Pads, Alcohol Swabs, and Alcohol Swabsticks: Recall Due to Potential Microbial Contamination**

**Sold by Cardinal Health, PSS Select, VersaPro, Boca/Ultilet, Moore Medical, Walgreens, CVS, Conzellin**

**AUDIENCE:** Pharmacy, Consumer

**ISSUE:** The Triad Group has issued a recall involving all lots of alcohol prep pads, alcohol swabs, and alcohol swabsticks manufactured by Triad but sold as private labels at the consumer level. The recall pertains to all such products marked as either STERILE or non-sterile. The recall was initiated over concerns of possible product contamination with *Bacillus cereus*. Continued use of affected products could put at-risk patients at risk of developing life-threatening infections.

**BACKGROUND:** The alcohol prep pads, alcohol swabs, and alcohol swabsticks targeted for recall are used primarily for disinfection purposes prior to an injection. Recalled lots were distributed nationwide to retail pharmacies and sold in individual packets and in boxes containing 100 packets. The affected alcohol prep pads, alcohol swabs, and alcohol swabsticks can be identified by either "Triad Group," listed as the manufacturer, or the products are manufactured for a third party and use the names listed below in their packaging: Cardinal Health, PSS Select, VersaPro, Boca/ Ultilet, Moore Medical, Walgreens, CVS, Conzellin.

**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 of purchase 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](http://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

Read the MedWatch safety alert, including a link to the Press Release, at:

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

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