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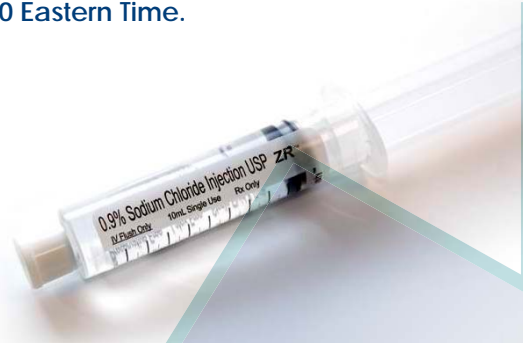
Recalls All Over The Place!



Remember the Triad alcohol prep recall? Now there is a recall of **Povidone Iodine Prep Pads** due to potential microbial contamination. The preps were sent all over the country in boxes of 100, individually wrapped pads. The following names can be found on the packaging: Cardinal Health, Medical Specialties, VHA, Triad, Triad Plus, North Safety and Total Resources. If you have this stuff, don't use it and return it to where you purchased it. Don't just stick it in the mail to return it to the manufacturer/distributor on your own. You can call H&P Industries directly at 1-262-538-2900, Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1630 Central Time.

According to recent publications, the FDA knew as early as 2009 that the Triad Group had "serious problems with contamination and sterilization" at its plant in Wisconsin. The bug involved is *Elizabethkingia meningoseptica*. It has several other names, but this one was chosen in 2005 after an extensive genetic analysis. Elizabeth King first described the microbe in 1959 after she isolated it from a child with meningitis. The microbe has been found in seawater, soil, hydrocarbon contaminated soil, raw cow's milk, water reservoirs, beer bottling plants, bioreactor sludge, sand dune plants, and raw chicken. It causes rare, but serious infections. Most reported cases involved nosocomial infections among intubated ICU patients. Other reported conditions include bacteremia, sub-acute bacterial endocarditis, endophthalmitis and abdominal infections. There have been cases of necrotizing fasciitis, the so-called "flesh-eating" disease, as the result of a community acquired infection in an immunocompetent adult.

American Regent has initiated a voluntary recall for **Bacteriostatic Sodium Chloride Injection, USP, 0.9%, 30 mL, Multiple Dose Vials, NDC # 0517-0648-25**. The Lot Numbers are 9330, 9599, and 9828. The recall was initiated due to the presence of visible particles in some of the vials. Adverse events that may occur when intravenous solutions contain particulates include: disruption of blood flow, particularly to small vessels in the lungs, localized inflammation, and granuloma formation. Get with your sales person or contact the Customer Service Department at 1-877-788-3232, Monday through Friday from 0830 to 1900 Eastern Time.



Sagent Pharmaceuticals is recalling all lots of its **Amiodarone Hydrochloride Inject 150mg/3ml (NDC 25021-302-73)**. Lot numbers involved are: ER001, ER002, ER003, ER005, ER006, ER007, ER008, ER009, and ER010. It was distributed between April 2010 and March 2011. The problem is there have been reports of incompatibility of some IV sets with Luer-Activating Devices and Sagent's Amiodarone Pre-filled Syringes. It sounds like this incompatibility may have been discovered on calls. Does that give evidence of adequate product evaluation? What does this say about the adequacy of training? You may obtain further information at www.SagentPharma.com, or the Customer Call Center at 866-946-4679. Medical questions regarding Amiodarone can be addressed at Sagent Medical Affairs 866-625-1618, Option 3.