



Compliance Alert

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Express Scripts – Urgent – Emerging Therapeutic Issue

Roxane Laboratories announced a voluntary recall of two lots of sodium polystyrene sulfonate suspension, 15g/60ml unit dose bottles, a product used to treat hyperkalemia (high blood levels of the electrolyte potassium). These lots are being recalled as a precaution after a sample tested positive for a strain of yeast. This contamination could potentially affect patients with decreased immune function.

The recall of sodium polystyrene sulfonate bottles (NDC #0054-0165-51) only impact two lot numbers: lot 856396A (exp April 2010) and lot 856693A (exp May 2010). No other Roxane products or lots are impacted by this recall. If you would like additional information about this recall, you can call Roxane Laboratories toll free at 1.800.962.8364.

Express Scripts' response:

- In an effort to inform members of this recall, we have identified members who have received a prescription for Roxane's sodium polystyrene sulfonate 15g/60ml unit dose bottles within the past 120 days. A communication summarizing the information provided by the manufacturer will be sent to these members.
- Express Scripts Home Delivery patients are not impacted by this recall.
- The above communication will be distributed for those clients enrolled in the member portion of the Emerging Therapeutic Issues Patient Safety Program.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Group Benefit Services Account Manager at 1.800.638.6085.

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