



Compliance Alert

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Express Scripts – Urgent – Emerging Therapeutic Issues

Actavis has announced a voluntary nationwide recall of all lots and strengths of Digitek® (digoxin) tablets. Actavis manufactures Digitek, which is distributed under the Bertek and UDL labels. This recall is being conducted due to a possibility that tablets with double the appropriate thickness (and double the dose) have been distributed. Digitek tablets are used to treat heart failure and abnormal heart rhythms. Double-strength tablets could increase the risk of digitalis toxicity, especially in patients with kidney failure. Symptoms of digitalis toxicity include: nausea, vomiting, dizziness, low blood pressure and decreased heart rate. Death can also occur.

Any questions regarding this recall should be directed to Stericycle customer service at 1-888-276-6166. Additional information about the voluntary recall can be found at www.actavis.us. FDA's MedWatch website at: www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety.htm. You can also call FDA at 1-888-INFO-FDA (automated) or 301-827-4570.

Express Scripts response:

- In an effort to inform members of this recall, we have identified members who have received a prescription for Digitek tablets labeled within the past 120 days. A communication summarizing the information provided by the manufacturers will be sent to these members.
- A physician communication will also be distributed, along with patient profiles. This information is intended to help them identify current Digitek users that will need to be switched to digoxin tablets (0.125mg or 0.25mg) that are distributed by another manufacturer. There are several other companies that supply generic digoxin tablets. The brand product, Lanoxin®, is manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline.
- The above communications will be distributed for those clients enrolled in the member and physician portions of the Emerging Therapeutic Issues Patient Safety Program., respectively.

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

This communication is not intended to be legal advice and should not be construed as legal advice. If you have any legal questions or concerns about your plan, GBS recommends seeking counsel from an ERISA attorney.

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