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FDA Safety Announcement: H & P Industries **Povidine Iodine Prep Pads: Recall - Potential Microbial Contamination**

Including products under brand names Cardinal Health, Medical Specialties, VHA, Triad, Triad Plus, North Safety, Total Resources

AUDIENCE: Pharmacy, Consumer, Risk Manager

ISSUE: H&P industries, Inc., a manufacturer of over-the-counter products, has issued a voluntary recall of ALL LOTS of Povidine Prep Pads manufactured by H&P Industries, Inc., but which are private labeled for many accounts. Recent testing has indicated the presence of *Elizabethkingia meningoseptica* in pads referenced. Use of contaminated Povidine Prep Pads could lead to life-threatening infections, especially in at risk population, including neonates, immune suppressed patients, and surgical patients.

BACKGROUND: Povidine Prep Pads are typically used to prevent infection in minor cuts, scrapes, and burns, and are labeled as an antiseptic for preparation of the skin prior to surgery. The pads were distributed nationwide to healthcare customers and are packaged in individual packets and sold in boxes of 100 packets.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Healthcare organizations should contact H&P Industries at (262) 538-2900 to arrange a return. If a consumer has any of these pads in their possession, they should not use them.

Healthcare professionals and patients are encouraged to report adverse events or side effects related to the use of this product to the FDA's MedWatch Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program:

- Complete and submit the report Online: 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 FDA recall notice, at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm247743.htm>

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