

NOTIFICATION OF PRODUCT TAMPERING

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Dear Healthcare Professional,

We would like to bring to your attention a situation involving tampering with Zyprexa® (olanzapine), indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia and acute bipolar mania. Lilly has been made aware of a small number of tampering incidents in which pharmacists in the United States have found Zyprexa 10 and 15 mg bottles which have had all of the Zyprexa tablets removed and replaced with white tablets marked, "aspirin." The reports, thus far, have been confined to 60 count 10 mg and 15 mg bottles of Zyprexa. We have been in contact with the United States Food and Drug Administration and are continuing to gather additional information through a diligent investigation of this situation.

From what we know at this time, these incidents appear to be isolated and limited in scope and no injuries or adverse effects related to the tampering have been reported to date.

Should any patients for whom you have prescribed Zyprexa contact you with questions or concerns about their current prescription, you may find the following information, which we are providing pharmacies across the country, of use:

Zyprexa 10 mg tablets are round and white, similar to aspirin; however, they are clearly marked in blue with the word, "Lilly" and the number, "4117" on one side, and no markings on the other side. Zyprexa 15 mg tablets are oval-shaped and blue and embossed with the word, "Lilly" and the number, "4415."

If a pharmacy discovers a bottle of Zyprexa that contains white tablets marked "aspirin," or any markings other than "Lilly" and the four-digit Lilly identification number, we have asked the pharmacy professional to please notify NNC Group at 1-800-668-4391.

If you have any patients who are suspicious about a Zyprexa prescription, direct them to return it to their pharmacist.

At Lilly, patient safety is our first priority. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to resolve this matter as quickly as possible. Lilly and the United States Food and Drug Administration are investigating this matter. Lilly is taking all possible steps to protect the quality and integrity of its products. If you have any additional questions, please contact us at 1-800- LILLY-RX.