Patient Safety Alert

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ADDENDUM TO PATIENT SAFETY ALERT AL08-09 ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 19, 2008, CONCERNING RECALL OF BAXTER HEPARIN SODIUM

Item: Expanded Recall of Baxter Heparin Products

Specific Incident: Baxter initially recalled nine lots of multi-dose heparin sodium injection products (e.g., vials, syringes) on January 17, 2008. This recall has now been expanded to include the following products:

- all remaining lots of Baxter multi-dose heparin sodium injection products,
- all lots of Baxter single-dose heparin sodium injection products, and
- all lots of Baxter heparin flush products.

NOTE: This recall does not involve Baxter's heparin pre-mix IV solutions in bags (heparin sodium in 5% dextrose injection and heparin sodium in 0.9% sodium chloride injection).

General Information: This Patient Safety Alert supplements Patient Safety Alert AL08-09 http://www.patientsafety.gov/alerts/HeparinAlert08-09.pdf.

Any future updates relating to the original or expanded Baxter heparin recalls will be communicated through the National Center for Patient Safety's Patient Safety Log (http://vaww.ncps.med.va.gov/Dialogue/pslog/default.asp).

Actions: By close of business Saturday March 1, 2008:

1. Implement the Actions in Patient Safety Alert AL08-09, if not already completed.
2. Pharmacy Chiefs (or designee) must assure that the following products are removed from inventory, segregated and returned to the supplier:
   a) all remaining lots of Baxter multi-dose heparin sodium injection products
   b) all lots of Baxter single-dose heparin sodium injection products, and
   c) all lots of Baxter heparin flush products.

Add'l Information: For purchases made directly through Baxter, contact Baxter Customer Service at (800) 667-0959 to arrange for product return. For purchases made through wholesalers or distributors, contact the wholesaler or distributor to arrange for product return.

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