



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Linda Brumble, Unit Manager
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DATE: February 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Recall of alcohol swabs

It has come to our attention that there has been a safety recall from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Please check your supplies to ensure that you do not have the alcohol swabs manufactured by Triad Group. If you find these products in your clinic, listing "Triad Group" as the manufacturer, you should not use the product and should return it for a full refund. Replace your supplies immediately. All blood work is still required. Applicants will need to be scheduled back into your clinic to complete the certification process. You may want to purchase small amounts of supplies locally to prevent rescheduling applicants.

Triad Alcohol Prep Pads, Alcohol Swabs, and Alcohol Swabsticks: Recall Due to Potential Microbial Contamination

Triad Group, a manufacturer of over-the-counter products and FDA notified healthcare professionals and patients of the recall involving all lots of alcohol prep pads, alcohol swabs, and alcohol swabsticks manufactured by **Triad** but sold as private labels at the consumer level. This recall has been initiated due to concerns about potential contamination of the products with *Bacillus cereus*. This recall involves those products marked as STERILE as well as non-sterile products.

The affected Alcohol Prep Pads, Alcohol Swabs and Alcohol Swabsticks can be identified by either "Triad Group," listed as the manufacturer, or the products are manufactured for a third party and use the names listed below in their packaging: Cardinal Health, PSS Select, VersaPro, Boca/ Ultilet, Moore Medical, Walgreens, CVS, Conzellan.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm239319.htm>.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Lisa Rankine, Clinic Services Program Coordinator, Nutrition Education/Clinic Services Unit, Nutrition Services Section, at (512) 341-4582 or email lisa.rankine@dshs.state.tx.us.