

Alysena 28 Birth Control Recall

Attention: Pharmacies

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The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) has received notification from Health Canada advising Canadians that Apotex Inc. is voluntarily recalling one lot of Alysena 28 birth control pill after complaints about chipped pink pills in sealed blister packages.

The affected product is Alysena 28 (DIN 02387883), lot LF10133A, expiry date 10/2019.

In addition to notifying clients who have been provided the affected product, Health Canada is advising pharmacists to:

- Check each blister pack of Alysena 28 before dispensing it to make sure the pills look as they should.
- Report any unusual pills to the company Apotex Inc. 1-877-427-6839 AND to Health Canada using an online reporting form at <http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/apps/radar/MD-IM-0005.08.html>

Health Canada is also advising the public to:

- Check their pills before and after taking them out of the blister package.
- Examine both sides of each pill thoroughly before taking it. It may not be immediately obvious from looking at the blister package that there is a problem with the pills, since the underside of the pill cannot be seen while in the blister pack.
- Not to consume a pill if it looks unusual (for example, it is chipped, has jagged edges or is broken).
- Return the affected package to their pharmacy for a replacement package if the package has an unusual-looking pill.
- Continue to take birth control pills as prescribed by their health care provider.
- Talk to a health care provider if they have questions or concerns about the birth control product, including about missed doses and alternatives.

Health Canada will monitor the company's recall and is working with Apotex Inc. to determine the scope and cause of the issue. Should additional products or lots be identified, Health Canada will take appropriate action and inform Canadians as appropriate.

For additional information on the recall, please visit the Health Canada website at <http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2018/65960a-eng.php>. If you have any questions please call the Health Unit at 1-877-721-7520 during business hours.





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