

Alysena 28 and Alysena 21 Birth Control Recall Update

Attention: Pharmacies

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The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) has received further notification from Health Canada advising additional lots of the Alysena 28 and now Alysena 21 have been affected. The original voluntary recall dated February 13, 2018, was communicated after complaints received about chipped pink pills in sealed blister packages.

The affected products are Alysena 28 (DIN 02387883) and Alysena 21 (DIN 02387875). No specific Lot numbers has been provided by Apotex Inc. or Health Canada.

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 and Alysena 21 before dispensing it to make sure the pills look as they should.
- Report any unusual pills to the company Apotex Inc. 1-800-667-4708 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.

For additional information on the recall, please visit the Health Canada website at <http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/index-eng.php?cat=3>

If you have any questions please call the Health Unit at 1-877-721-7520 during business hours.

