

**FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

**TO:** Nursing Supervisors, Medical Directors, Administrators

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**RE:** Update: Voluntary Recall of Heparin Sodium Injection and Heparin Lock Flush Solution (Baxter)

Please note that the FDA has issued the following public health update:  
**Recall of Heparin Sodium Injection and Heparin Lock Flush Solution (Baxter)**  
([http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/heparin/public\\_health\\_update.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/heparin/public_health_update.htm)). This update is to inform the public that:

- Baxter Healthcare Corporation has extended its recall of multi-dose vials of heparin sodium for injection to also include single-dose vials of heparin sodium for injection.
- As a precautionary measure Baxter is also recalling its heparin lock flush products. The heparin source manufacturer for lock flush solutions is the same as that for Baxter's heparin sodium for injection.
- Alternate heparin manufacturers are expected to be able to increase heparin production sufficiently to supply the US market.

Visit the following website links to read the FDA information in its entirety. In the event that you do not have Internet capability, please contact the Network office and the FDA information will be faxed to you. We will continue to provide updates as information is received in the Network office.

- [February 28, 2008 – Public Health Update – FDA]  
[http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/heparin/public\\_health\\_update.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/heparin/public_health_update.htm)
- [February 28, 2008 – Press Release – Baxter]  
[http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/baxter02\\_08.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/baxter02_08.html)
- [February 11, 2008 – Public Health Advisory – FDA]  
<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/advisory/heparin.htm>
- [February 11, 2008 – Questions and Answers – FDA]  
<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/heparin/heparinQA.htm>
- [February 11, 2008 – News Release – FDA]  
<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01797.html>