



Stolen Insulin Reappears

FDA Urges Pharmacies and Wholesalers to Stop Dispensing / Distributing Insulin Product – Improper Product Storage Poses Patient Safety Risk

On June 13, 2009, the Food and Drug Administration reported that stolen vials of the long-acting insulin Levemir®, which is made by Novo Nordisk Inc., have reappeared and are being sold in the United States market. The FDA warned that these stolen insulin vials may not have been stored and/or handled properly; therefore, they may be dangerous for patients to use.

Three lots of 10 ml vials (a total of 129,000 vials) of the product, insulin detemir (rDNA origin) injection, were originally reported stolen in North Carolina and are identifiable by the following lot numbers:

- ⇒ **XZF0036**
- ⇒ **XZF0037**
- ⇒ **XZF0038**



The FDA received one report of a patient, who suffered an adverse event due to poor control of glucose levels, after using a vial from one of the aforementioned lots.

The FDA urges Pharmacies and Wholesalers to check their inventories for these lot numbers of Levemir® insulin products and to stop distributing or dispensing the Levemir®. If patients return any of these vials, the FDA asks Pharmacies and Wholesalers to contact the [FDA Office of Criminal Investigations](#) online or via phone at 1-800-551-3989. Furthermore, the FDA asks Distributors and Dispensers to retain any such vials, and not to dispose of them.

If Pharmacies are able to determine that Levemir® insulin vials, with said lot numbers, were dispensed to patients, the FDA advises them to contact those patients and ask them to return the vials to the Pharmacy.

More information is available from Novo Nordisk at 1-800-727-6500.
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