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Subject: URGENT Public Health Alert - LEVEMIR Insulin

To: 2009 TPA Members

FDA has issued a public health alert about certain vials of stolen long-acting insulin Levemir, made by Novo Nordisk, which have reappeared and may be on pharmacy shelves or in warehouses in the U.S. The stolen insulin vials may not have been stored and handled properly and may be dangerous for patients to use.

The lot numbers that are affected are: Levemir (insulin detemir [rna origin] injection) 10ml vials : XZF0036
 XZF0037 XZF0038

If pharmacies and wholesalers have vials with these lot numbers in stock, please do not further distribute or dispense the Levemir. In addition, you are urged to contact FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations at 1-800-551-3989 or at <http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/CriminalInvestigations/ucm123025.htm> if you have any vials with the affected lot numbers in stock, or if any of these vials are returned by patients. Please retain these vials and do not dispose of any of them. Additional information is available at Novo Nordisk at 1-800-727-6500.

If pharmacies are able to determine if Levemir insulin vials with these lot numbers were dispensed to patients, please contact those patients and ask them to return the vials to the pharmacy.

The FDA alert can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm166359.htm>. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important public health concern.

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