

Apotex – Recall of piperacillin/tazobactam injection

- On May 14, 2018, [Apotex announced](#) a consumer/user level recall of several lots of [piperacillin/tazobactam](#) injection products due to elevated levels of impurities that may result in decreased potency.
 - These products are manufactured by Hospira, a Pfizer Company, and distributed by Apotex.
- The recalled products were distributed nationwide to wholesalers and distributors:

Product Description	NDC #	Lot #
Piperacillin/tazobactam for injection, 3.375 grams per single-dose vial	60505-0687-4, 60505-0687-1	Refer to the Apotex notice for recalled lot numbers
Piperacillin/tazobactam for injection, 4.5 grams per single-dose vial	60505-0688-4, 60505-0688-1	

- Piperacillin/tazobactam for injection is used for the treatment of intra-abdominal infections, skin and skin structure infections, female pelvic infections, community acquired pneumonia, and hospital acquired pneumonia in adults and children ≥ 2 months of age.
- The decreased potency of piperacillin/tazobactam injection could result in worsening of the infection under treatment and under extreme circumstances could lead to serious morbidities depending upon the severity of the illness. Elevated levels of impurities may result in various toxicities, such as liver, renal, and hematological toxicities.
 - To date, Apotex has not received reports of any adverse events related to the recalled products.
- Patients should contact their physician or healthcare provider if they have experienced any problems that may be related to taking or using the recalled product.
- Wholesalers/retailers/hospitals/institutions with an existing inventory of the lots subject to this recall should stop use and distribution of the remaining units and quarantine immediately. Healthcare providers should be informed of this recall.
- For product return information, contact GENCO Pharmaceutical Services (subsidiary of FedEx Supply Chain) at **1-877-319-8966**. For more information regarding this recall, contact Apotex at **1-800-706-5575**.