



TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION HEALTH CARE

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Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care (TONHC) - Notice of Medication Recall - Metformin

About this recall.

Your safety, health and well-being are important to us. On October 5, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported expanded recalls of specific metformin extended-release tablets made by Marksans Pharma and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries. The companies are recalling metformin because it may contain N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) above the acceptable intake limit.

The affected brands of metformin that have been recalled are NOT carried by TONHC Pharmacies. We continue to monitor any reports of medication recalls by the FDA and are here to address your concerns.

Who is affect?

Patients who are taking an affected metformin drug.

What patients should do?

- 1) **Do not stop taking your metformin drug without first discussing options with your health care provider.** Patients with type 2 diabetes could face dangerous health risks if they stop taking their prescribed metformin.
- 2) Check your medication bottle for the lot number. The lot number may be located on the prescription label. If your product is not from one of these affected lots, it is not affected by this recall. If the lot number is not on your prescription label, please contact the pharmacy that filled your prescription for further instructions. A full list of the specific metformin products affected by the recall can be found at: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/search-list-recalled-metformin-products>
- 3) Please call your health care professional right away for advice if you may be using affected product or if you do not know if you used affected product. Your health care professional is familiar with your medical history and can suggest the best treatment option for you.

Please feel free to contact Pharmacy staff with any questions about your medications. Staff in the Primary Pharmacies can be contacted at:

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