

Pharmacy News

Qualitest Wants Pharmacists To Contact Patients Who Have Company's Oral Contraceptive

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BETHESDA, MD 16 September 2011—**The tablets on unit-of-use cards of the oral contraceptives Cyclaferm 7/7/7, Cyclaferm 1/35, Emoquette, Gildess FE, 1.5/30, Gildess FE 1/20, Orsythia, Previfem, and Tri-Previfem might not have been placed in the correct order, Qualitest Pharmaceuticals announced Thursday in a recall notice. This packaging error, the company said, "could leave women without adequate contraception, and at risk for unintended pregnancy."**

Although the error itself does not pose "any immediate health risks," Qualitest said, **"consumers exposed to affected packaging should begin using a non-hormonal form of contraception immediately and consult their health care provider or pharmacist."**

Not only did the packaging error result in incorrect placement of tablets on a card, the error caused the lot number and expiration date not to be visible to consumers, the company said. Thus, the company wants pharmacies to contact consumers who have received any tablets from the lots that were potentially affected by the packaging error.

The [company-provided list \(PDF\)](#) of products being recalled shows 45 pairs of lot numbers and expiration dates.

Pharmacists and physicians who want more information about the recall should call the company at 877-300-6153, 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

Qualitest said the source of the packaging error is under investigation.

Labeling on file at the government's DailyMed website indicates that the Cyclaferm, Emoquette, Gildess, Orsythia, and Previfem products are manufactured by Canada's Patheon Inc. for Qualitest.

Qualitest is a subsidiary of Endo Pharmaceuticals.