



## DEPOT DRUG | RECALL INFORMATION

Please be aware of a drug recall that may impact you. The FDA has announced that drug manufacturers Solco Healthcare, Teva and Major have recalled the following drugs:

### Solco Healthcare

- Valsartan tablets 40 mg, 80 mg, 160 mg, and 320 mg tablets
- Valsartan/HCTZ 80 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/25 mg, 320 mg/12.5 mg, and 320 mg/25 mg tablets Major

### Major

- Valsartan 80 mg and 160 mg tablets Teva

### Teva

- Valsartan 40 mg, 80 mg, 160 mg, and 320 mg tablets Valsartan/HCTZ 80 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/25 mg, 320 mg/12.5 mg, and 320 mg/25 mg tablets

Only Valsartan and Valsartan/HCTZ from these three manufacturers have been recalled.

### Why is this drug being recalled?

The drug manufactures are voluntarily recalling Valsartan and Valsartan/HCTZ because they may contain a trace amount of a substance called N-nitrosodimethylamine or NDMA. NDMA is classified as a probable human carcinogen.

### What you should do if you are taking this medication?

Based on the recall, the FDA is recommending the following action:

- If you are on one of these medications, you should contact your healthcare professional to discuss your treatment and/or prescription options.
- You should continue taking your medication as prescribed until you have discussed a replacement with your healthcare professional.
- For more information about this recall, you can contact one of the drug manufacturers directly.
  - Major | 800.616.2471
  - Teva | 888.838.2872
  - Solco Healthcare | 866.931.9829



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### What are Valsartan and Valsartan/HCTZ used to treat and are there alternatives?

Valsartan and Valsartan/HCTZ are used to treat high blood pressure and heart failure. The following is a list of possible alternatives.

Drug Name
<b>For heart failure, consider:</b>
Candesartan cilexetil/hydrochlorothiazide
<b>For high blood pressure, consider:</b>
Candesartan cilexetil tablets
Telmisartan/hydrochlorothiazide tablets
Telmisartan tab
Telmisartan/amlodipine tablets
Eprosartan
Irbesartan
Losartan
Olmesartan

### Can I get a replacement for my prescription?

Because this medication is being recalled by three large drug companies, there may be a supply issue in getting a replacement for your current prescription. We suggest you discuss a replacement treatment with your healthcare professional. **DO NOT** stop taking your current medication without first talking to your healthcare professional.

### Who should I call if I have additional questions?

- For questions about an alternative to Valsartan and Valsartan/HCTZ, please contact your healthcare professional.
- If you have specific questions or would like more information about the recall, please contact the manufacturers at one of the numbers listed above.

### Contact Depot Drug if you have questions.

If you have additional questions, please contact Depot Drug.

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