Baxter

Important Information

November 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Affected Product

Product Code	Description	Lot #	Expiration Date
GMC7405	Cytoluer set	ALL	N/A

Problem Description

Complaints were received related to particulate matter identified inside Viaflo bag after connection with a Cytoluer device, code GMC7405. It was reported that a fragment of the Viaflo bag septum is being generated during Cytoluer insertion to the Viaflo bag. The sizes of the particulate matters range from 1mm to 1.5mm based on samples investigated.

Hazard Involved

The nature of the reported problem is such that it is likely to be detected before use. However, in the event that this is not detected, and that the particle is not blocked at the level of the spike, tube, filter of a giving set or patient's catheter, this particle could be infused to the patient. This may have clinical consequences like pulmonary embolism or a patient reaction among others.
Baxter has not been informed of any adverse event or patient injury associated with this issue.

Actions taken by Baxter to avoid reoccurrence of the issue

Baxter has started internal investigations and continues to optimize the Cytoluer product design to further reduce the potential for coring.
An update to IFUs has also been initiated to include recommendations to use in-line filtration during IV administration as well as standard gowning and gloving practices.

Action to be taken by the user

Consistent with standard practices for cytotoxic infusions, Baxter is sending this communication to recommend that customers adopt the following practices for optimal patient therapy and safety:

- to perform visual inspection of the solution after compounding, prior to administration.
- the use of a final filter during administration of cytotoxic solutions. In general a 0.22 micron filter is recommended. However, if the filter is too small for specific reconstitutions, please refer to the appropriate guidance applicable for your reconstituted product
- to adhere to standard gowning and gloving practices during reconstitution.

In case, any particulate matter is identified inside Viaflo bag after connection with a Cytoluer device, code GMC7405, please do not use and report this event to Baxter in order to ensure product return and replacement using one of the following options:

- Calling Baxter Quality Assurance at 044 908 52 17
- Emailing Baxter at: Switzerland_SHS_CQA@baxter.com

Baxter is kindly asking that you take the following actions:

- Complete the enclosed customer reply form, and return it to Baxter by either faxing it to 044 908 5329 or scanning and e-mailing it to Switzerland_SHS_CQA@baxter.com, even if you don't have any inventory. Returning the customer reply form promptly will confirm your receipt of this notification and prevent you from receiving repeat notices.

- Please forward a copy of this letter to other facilities or departments within your institutions to ensure that those locations are aware of this action.

If you are a dealer, wholesaler, or distributor/reseller that distributed any product to other facilities, please notify your customers of this communication in accordance with your customary procedures.

Further information and support

For general questions regarding this communication, contact Baxter at Switzerland_SHS_CQA@baxter.com.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Baxter AG