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Eco-Med Pharmaceutical Issues Voluntary Recall of Eco-Gel 200

Etobicoke, Ontario (August 4, 2021) – Eco-Med Pharmaceuticals, Inc. today commenced a voluntary recall of certain lots of its Eco-Gel 200 ultrasound gel due to bacterial contamination.

The product is also distributed as MediChoice Ultrasound Gel by Owens and Minor and Mac Medical Supply. These ultrasound gels are non-sterile and not indicated for sterile procedures.

Eco-Med is instructing all health care facilities to identify the affected products by lot number and immediately destroy or return products from affected lots to Eco-Med. Affected product lot numbers are below:

Product	Lot Numbers	Initial Distribution Date
Eco Gel 200 MediChoice M500812	B029	March 26, 2021
	B030	March 30, 2021
	B031	April 5, 2021
	B032	April 7, 2021
	B040	April 26, 2021
	B041	April 26, 2021
	B048	May 7, 2021
	B055	May 26, 2021

Additionally, Eco-Med is instructing all health care facilities to immediately stop use and quarantine all lots of the following ultrasound gels distributed under these brand names in these geographies:

- EcoGel 200, by Eco-Med (Canada)
- MediChoice Ultrasound Gel, by Owens & Minor (United States)
- MediChoice Ultrasound Gel, by Mac Medical Supply Co Inc. (United States)
- EcoGel 200, by Active Crystal Inc (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Agencia Matamoros (Honduras)
- EcoGel 200, by Cardinal Health Canada
- EcoGel 200, by CMCC Supply Centre and Bookstore (Canada)
- EcoGel 200 Blue, by Christie Innomed Inc. (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Dectro International (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Medline Canada
- EcoGel 200, by Dunbar Medical (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Eastern Medical Supply Ltd (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Global Medical Solution (NZ) LTD (New Zealand)
- EcoGel 200, by Good-link Electronics Ltd. (Hong Kong)
- EcoGel 200, by Henry Schein Arcona (Canada)

- EcoGel 200, by Maranda Lauzon Inc (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Medi's Part Ltd. (Thailand)
- EcoGel 200 Blue, by MJM Distributing (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Ortho Canada (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by So medico SDN BHD (Malaysia)
- EcoGel 200 and EcoGel 200 Blue, by STAT Healthcare Corporation (Canada)
- EcoGel 200 and EcoGel 200 Blue, by The Stevens Company Limited (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Trimedic Supply Network Ltd. (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Vitality Depot (Canada)
- Chattanooga Conductor USA, by DJO Global (United States)
- Conductor Australia, by DJO Australia
- DJO Conductor, by DJO Global (United States)
- Liquasonic, by Athena Medical Products Inc. (United States)
- Medico, by Medico Inc. (Canada)
- Medline, by Medline Industries Inc. (United States)
- NDC Eco-Gel 200 Ultrasound Gel, by NDC Inc. (United States)
- Omni, by Accelerated Care Plus Leasing Inc. (United States)
- Red Medical Ultrasound Gel Blue, by Red Medical Supplies Ltd. (Canada)
- Smart 200, by Smart Technology and Product Co., Ltd (Thailand)

Eco-Med has initiated this recall and quarantine due to bacterial contamination in the affected lots of ultrasound gel with *Burkholderia cepacia* complex (Bcc). The source(s) of the bacterial contamination is currently unknown. Eco-Med is conducting a comprehensive investigation to determine the root cause of this contamination and take all necessary corrective action.

The effects of the bacteria, *Burkholderia stabilis*, a member of the *Burkholderia cepacia* complex (Bcc), vary widely, ranging from no symptoms at all to serious infections. Bcc bloodstream infections may result in sepsis and in certain cases, potentially death. Use of ultrasound gels manufactured by Eco-Med have been associated with at least 15 infections to date, including bloodstream infections. Additional infections have been identified that may also be associated with the use of this ultrasound gel and investigation is ongoing. Potential routes of transmission leading to bloodstream infections associated with a contaminated nonsterile gel may have included the use of the gel for visualization prior to, in preparation for, or during an invasive procedure or application of the gel inside the sterile ultrasound probe sleeve during an invasive procedure using ultrasound guidance.

All health care facilities impacted by this recall should visit <https://eco-med.com/recall/> and complete the form indicating the product and the lots/batch numbers identified and actions taken in the comment section. The official notice of the recall can be found at <https://eco-med.com/recall/>.

The US Food and Drug Administration has been notified of this action. Any adverse reactions experienced with the use of this product, and/or quality problems should also be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Program by:

- Web: MedWatch website at www.fda.gov/medwatch
- Phone: 1-800-FDA-1088

- Fax: 1-800-FDA-0178, or by

About Eco-Med

Eco-Med Pharmaceutical Inc. is a proud Canadian Pharmaceutical company. Founded in 1992, Eco-Med has built its reputation on delivering consistent, superior ultrasound gels, lotions and topicals that enhance the patient experience. Our products include EcoGel™, EcoLotion™ and Prevent+ and are manufactured under the strictest regulatory & quality standards.