



THE **MEDICINES** COMPANY®

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Dear Healthcare Provider:

The Medicines Company is recalling 11 lots of Cleviprex® (clevidipine butyrate) injectable emulsion because visible particulate matter was observed in some vials of these lots. Copies of the press release announcing the recall and the letter to hospital pharmacies explaining how to return affected product are attached. Please distribute this information to those in your institution that may be administering Cleviprex.

Unaffected product is not being recalled and is available through your hospital pharmacy.

In using Cleviprex, please be sure to follow these procedures:

1. Before use, inspect the vial to look for visible particulate matter. If there is any visible particulate matter, do not use the vial. Put it aside and return it to The Medicines Company using the instructions in the attached.
2. Before use, gently invert the vial several times to ensure uniformity of the emulsion.

As always, please report any adverse events associated with the use of Cleviprex. For medical inquiries, adverse event reporting or quality issues please contact The Medicines Company 1-888-977-6326 or cleviprexrecall@themedco.com Monday to Friday 8:00am-5:30pm EST. Adverse events may also be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Program by fax at 1-800-FDA-0178, by mail at MedWatch, FDA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852-9787, or on the MedWatch website at www.fda.gov/medwatch.

Sincerely,

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