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HAZELWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES MEDICAL ALERT FROM THE FDA REGARDING STOLEN LEVEMIR INSULIN

Hazelwood, Mo., (June 17, 2009) – The Hazelwood Fire Department is passing along a medical alert it received from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding some stolen vials of the long-acting insulin Levemir produced by Novo Nordisk, Inc. Many of them have reappeared and are being sold in the U.S. Market, announced Hazelwood Fire Chief Jim Matthies.

Three lots or a total of 129,000 vials of this product were stolen in all. These stolen vials of insulin may not have been stored and handled properly, posing a health risk to patients. The FDA has received one report of a patient who suffered an adverse event due to poor control of glucose levels after using a vial from one of these three lots.

The FDA is advising patients who use Levemir insulin to follow these steps:

1. Check your personal supply of insulin to determine if you have Levemir insulin from one of the following lots: XZF0036, XZF0037, and XZF0038. Patients can locate the lot number on the box of insulin or on the vial itself.
2. Do not use your Levemir insulin if it is from one of these lots. Replace it with a vial of Levemir insulin from another lot. If you must switch to another brand of insulin for any reason, first contact your healthcare provider since another insulin product may require adjustments in dosing.
3. Always visually inspect your insulin before using it. Levemir is a clear and colorless solution.
4. Contact the Novo Nordisk Customer Care Center at (800) 727-6500 for what to do with vials from these lots or if you have any other questions.