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*\*NOTICE: This health alert provides written guidance for health care professionals and others who may need to take action to prevent or control a notifiable condition. It is not intended to provide guidance for the general public.*

## Recall Alert: Saline and Sterile Water Medical Products

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued a [Safety Communication](#) warning consumers, health care providers, and health care facilities not to use recalled saline (0.9% sodium chloride) and sterile water medical products manufactured by Nurse Assist, LLC. The potentially contaminated products are sold under various brands and include a wide range of product types with expiration dates that extend to 2025 and beyond.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also issued a [Safety Communication](#) notifying that "Cardinal Health issued a medical device recall on December 5, 2023, for its Covidien and Cardinal Health™ brand urology and operating room-specific kits and trays that contain 0.9% sodium chloride irrigation USP and sterile water for irrigation USP supplied by Nurse Assist."

### Action Requested:

- Assure timely and effective removal of these products
- Track patient exposures to recalled saline and sterile water products as part of your response activities
- Reports of Hospital Acquired Infections associated with use of these recalled products can be transmitted via [MedWatch](#).

### FDA Safety Communication:

The FDA [Safety Communication](#) provides more details, including a link to [affected Covidien and Cardinal Health™ brand codes and lot numbers](#).

## THANK YOU FOR REPORTING

TO REPORT A NOTIFIABLE CONDITION IN THURSTON COUNTY	
Voice mail for reporting <b>non-immediately reportable conditions (24 hours a day):</b> <a href="#">Reporting a Notifiable Condition (thurstoncountywa.gov)</a>	Phone: <b>360-786-5470</b> Fax: 360-867-2601
<b>Day time immediately reportable conditions</b> - Calls are answered during business hours Monday -Friday 8am -5pm (excluding holidays) and routed to the appropriate communicable disease team member.	Phone: 360-867-2610 Secure eFax: 1-833-418-1916
<b>After hours immediately and 24-hour reportable conditions or a public health emergency</b>	Call 1-800-986-9050
No one is available with Thurston County Public Health and condition is <b>immediately notifiable</b>	1-877-539-4344

Communicable Disease Updates are posted online at: [Communicable Disease Updates \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](#)