

Provider Bulletin



News and Information

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FDA Announces Recall of Magnesium Citrate Saline Laxative Oral Solution

On July 25, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced Vi-Jon, LLC has voluntarily recalled all lots of Magnesium Citrate Saline Laxative Oral Solution, 10 fl. oz. (296 mL) due to the presence of *Gluconacetobacter liquefaciens*. Immunocompromised patients who consume this product, may be at increased risk for invasive infections caused by *Gluconacetobacter liquefaciens* that could lead to serious, life-threatening adverse health consequences.

The following is a timeline of voluntary recalls:

- June 22 - Vi-Jon, LLC voluntarily recalled one lot of lemon flavor
- July 25 - Vi-Jon, LLC voluntarily expanded recall to all lots of all flavors
- August 4 - Vi-Jon, LLC voluntarily expanded recall to additional expiration dates

The product is manufactured and sold under various store brand names (such as CVS, Walgreens, GoodSense, Major and Up & Up). It is commonly used for relief of occasional constipation (irregularity) and generally produces a bowel movement in 30 minutes to six hours. The product is packaged in clear, round, 10 fl. oz. plastic bottles.

What should patients who take the impacted product do?

Patients should stop using and return any remaining product to the place of purchase. UCare sent letters to members who have filled a prescription in the past year. Consumers with questions regarding this recall can contact Vi-Jon, LLC by email (Recalls@Vijon.com) Monday - Friday, from 7:30am - 4:30pm, Central Time.

What should prescribers do?

Prescribers may consider prescribing a formulary alternative to magnesium citrate.

Is UCare reaching out to impacted members and their providers?

Yes, UCare's pharmacy department sent letters to members who have filled a prescription in the past year. These letters include information on how to return the product, and direct members to reach out to their prescriber for alternatives.

Where can I find additional information?

The FDA provides information on their website for healthcare professionals and patients. Go to the FDA website at [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov) and search for "[magnesium citrate](#)."

What if I have more questions?

Call UCare's Provider Assistance Center at 612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493 toll-free, or visit ucare.org/providers.