



Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration

Date

Dear Veteran:

You are receiving this letter because you were given a prescription for:

**Sodium Polystyrene Sulfonate Suspension (15 grams/60ml bottle)
Lot number 856396A (Expires April 2010) or 856693A (Expires May 2010)**



This medication is in a liquid form and is used to control your potassium level.

The manufacturer is asking that the product be returned since the medication contained in the bottles may be contaminated and may cause infection in certain patients. Call your Healthcare Provider if you think you have an infection after taking this medication. Symptoms may include: fever, skin rash, white spots or sores in your mouth. Even if you have taken all the medication, please return used bottles if you have them (please do not take any more contaminated medication). Please return this letter indicating that you have no empty bottles if you have consumed all the bottles that were sent.

Please check the label of your medication for the affected Lot numbers. The Lot number is located towards the right edge of the label. The label does not go all the way around the bottle. The Lot number appears above the expiration date and follows the word "LOT". The bottle must be turned on its side for the numbers to appear upright.

If you have **Sodium Polystyrene Sulfonate Suspension (15 grams/60ml bottle) with the Lot numbers 856396A (Expires April 2010) or 856693A (Expires May 2010)**, please return it immediately to your VA pharmacy. No other lot numbers of this product are a problem.

[include instructions on how the patient should return the product and receive a new prescription]

Sincerely,