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Auvi-Q Recall Triggers Growing Panic

Auvi-Q, a device that administers a popular source of epinephrine to treat anaphylaxis is being recalled. People are rushing to get the alternative, Epi-Pen, refilled by pharmacies, which is causing concern for some over its stockpile.

The recall is based on concern over the amount of medication delivered by the device. This is currently a voluntary recall after 26 reports of suspected device malfunctions where correct dose may not have been delivered. The cases are unconfirmed at this time.

According to Sanofi, the lot numbers 2299596 through 3037230, which expire March 2016 through December 2016 are the devices affected by the recall.

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Dr. Patricia Gomez Dinger, Board Certified in Allergy and Immunology with a practice in Stone Oak and Schertz said this about the recall:

“While the recall of Auvi-Q is a concern, I think it is important for people who carry them to know this first is a voluntary recall by the pharmaceutical company”

“We are encouraging patients to check the lot numbers on your device, if your device is one of these then call your physician for an alternative prescription for an epinephrine injectable device and do not return your Auvi-Q device before getting a replacement or alternative”

“If you you’re your child suffers an anaphylactic reaction, you may still use the device”

“If no improvement, always use the second device, since injectors come in pairs”