VALSARTAN RECALL

Several medications that contain valsartan, used to treat high blood pressure and heart failure, were recently recalled due to an “impurity” in the drug.

The medicines included in the voluntary recall are valsartan from [Major Pharmaceuticals](https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm613625.htm%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), [Solco Healthcare](https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm613504.htm%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) and [Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries](https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm613729.htm%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), as well as valsartan/hydrochlorothiazide from Solco and Teva. Valsartan is used in other generic medicines,but **not all medicines containing valsartan are involved in the recall***.* The only companies, who manufactured the “impure” valsartan, are Major Pharmaceuticals, Solco Healthcare and Teva Pharmaceuticals. If your prescription bottle does not list one of these manfacturers, continue taking your medication as prescribed.

The Food and Drug Administration noted that patients should look at the drug name and company name on the labels of their prescription bottles to determine whether their medicine has been recalled. If your prescription container is an amber colored pharmacy bottle, there will be an “MFR” on every label stating the manufacturer of the pills in the bottle. If the information is not on the bottle, patients should call their pharmacy for those details.

If your medication is involved in the recall, contact your pharmacy and ask if they can refill valsartan from a manufacturer not involved in the recall. If your pharmacy is not able to provide an alternative, consult your physician for other treatment options. It is important to continue taking your medication until you have a replacement product.

https://www.cnn.com/2018/07/19/health/valsartan-recall-explainer/index.html