URGENT: Lorcaserin Recall



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Dear **PATIENT**,

This letter is to inform you that there is a medication recall for lorcaserin (also called Belviq® or Belviq XR®). Lorcaserin is a medication that has been used to help people lose weight. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has requested the drug company who makes lorcaserin to remove it from the U.S. market.

Why is lorcaserin being recalled?

The FDA reviewed recent information that shows that there is a higher risk of cancer in people who are taking lorcaserin. Lorcaserin is recalled because it may increase the risk of certain types of cancer.

Can I still get lorcaserin?

No, the medication is recalled from the U.S. market and will not be available.

Do I need to see my health care provider?

You should stop taking lorcaserin and talk to your health care provider about alternative weight-loss medicines and weight management programs. You do not need to see your health care provider for any special tests.

How do I get rid of my unused lorcaserin?

It's best to dispose of unused lorcaserin using a drug take back location. If you can't get to a drug take back location, you can dispose of lorcaserin in your household trash:

- 1. Mix medicine (do not crush tablets) with an unappealing substance such as dirt, cat litter, or used coffee grounds.
- 2. Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag.
- 3. Throw away the container in your trash at home.
- 4. Black out all personal information on the prescription label of empty medicine bottles, then throw away the bottle.

If you have any questions, please call our pharmacy staff at ###-#####

Thank you, FACILITY