



# Rx UPDATE

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## NATIONWIDE ALERT ISSUED ON COUNTERFEIT ONE TOUCH<sup>®</sup> BASIC<sup>®</sup>/PROFILE<sup>®</sup> AND ONE TOUCH<sup>®</sup> ULTRA<sup>®</sup> BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and LifeScan, Inc., are alerting the public to counterfeit blood glucose test strips being sold in the United States for use with various models of LifeScan One Touch<sup>®</sup> brand blood glucose monitors used by people with diabetes to measure their blood glucose.

The counterfeit test strips could potentially give incorrect blood glucose values—either too high or too low—which might result in a patient taking either too much or too little insulin and lead to serious injury or death.

The outer cartons of the recently discovered counterfeit test strips have **all** of the following characteristics:

### Counterfeit OneTouch Ultra Test Strips

**Lot Numbers 2691191 and 2691261 (located on outer carton and vial)**

#### *Characteristics:*

- Multiple Languages: English and French text on the outer carton;
- Lot number located on outer carton and vial;
- Limited to 50-Count OneTouch Ultra Test Strip packages; and
- No NDC number (located on the bottom of the outer carton for U.S. products)



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Counterfeit Packaging  
(English/French Text)

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## Counterfeit OneTouch (Basic/Profile) Test Strips

Includes Lot Numbers 2606340, 2615211, 2619932 and 272894A (located on outer carton and vial)

Lot Numbers 2606340, 2619932 or 272894A

### *Characteristics:*

- Multiple Languages: English, Greek and Portuguese text on the outer carton;
- Lot Numbers located on outer carton and vial;
- Limited to 50-Count OneTouch (Basic/Profile) Test Strip packages; and
- No NDC number (located on the bottom of the outer carton for U.S. products)



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(English/Greek/Portuguese Text)

Lot Number 2615211

### *Characteristics:*

- English text on the outer carton
- Limited to 50-Count OneTouch (Basic/Profile) Test Strip packages
- The test strips are labeled as plasma-calibrated (vertical text on side of vial)



A detailed description of this issue, specific information for merchants, and periodic updates are available at [www.GenuineOneTouch.com](http://www.GenuineOneTouch.com).

LifeScan is also notifying wholesalers, distributors, retailers and pharmacists so that they can quickly identify and remove the counterfeit test strips from the market. Any merchant or patient who discovers counterfeit products is encouraged to report their finding by calling LifeScan at **1-866-621-4855**. In addition, any patient or health care professional that discovers counterfeit products should file a report with MedWatch, the FDA's Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program, by visiting [www.fda.gov/medwatch/what.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/what.htm) or by calling the FDA at **1-800-FDA-1088**.