

Bedford Update

As you may know, on November 19 our manufacturer Ben Venue Laboratories, Inc. (BVL) voluntarily suspended the manufacturing, release and shipment of all products at its Bedford, OH facility after an internal review found that routine preventive maintenance and requalification of some manufacturing equipment was overdue. To uphold the company's commitment to providing the highest attention to quality and product safety and permit the implementation of lasting corrective actions, today BVL announced its decision to extend the voluntary suspension. As a result, the manufacture of Bedford Laboratories products will remain interrupted.

BVL has four distinct factories in the company's Bedford, OH facility, and the remediation and resumption of manufacturing operations in each is being addressed separately due to the different technologies and manufacturing processes. As the facility and equipment issues in each factory are addressed, BVL expects to resume some manufacturing in the first quarter of 2012. The necessary improvements at BVL's North facility may take as long as nine months to complete, and BVL anticipates that no products manufactured in the North facility will be available to patients and healthcare professionals before the fourth quarter of 2012. It should be noted that these expectations are based on BVL's current plans and may be revised in the future.

As soon as BVL has a confirmed timeline, we will provide you with updates on the availability of Bedford Laboratories products. The information will also appear on www.bedfordlabs.com. Meanwhile, we await additional information about the ability to distribute previously manufactured products. We thank you for your continued patience during this process. If you have any questions, please call 1.800.562.4797.