



Dear PPC Heparin Customer:

In October 2009, PPC advised customers of changes to the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) monograph for unfractionated heparin and provided information and resources to support the medical community's understanding and readiness for this change. PPC always meets or exceeds USP standards and has implemented and met the new USP standards for Heparin.

Based upon our existing inventory hold and demand, the estimated date of first sale of product manufactured under the new standard will be as follows:

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Estimated Sale Date for New Standard Product
C504801	Heparin 10,000 USP units/mL, 1mL	Early February 2010
C504805	Heparin 10,000 USP units/mL, 5mL	Late February, 2010
C504701	Heparin 1,000 USP units/mL, 1mL	June 2010
C504710	Heparin 1,000 USP units/mL, 10mL	June 2010
C504730	Heparin 1,000 USP units/mL, 30mL	May 2010

Please note the availability dates for the 10,000 units/mL product codes are earlier than previously anticipated. This is due to increased demand for PPC product as a result of pandemic planning and other suppliers experiencing back orders. **Additional notification will be sent to all customers just prior to distribution of each heparin code manufactured under the new standard.**

PPC has taken extra measures to ensure a seamless supply transition for each product code. Thus all PPC Heparin sold beginning with the above dates will be manufactured to the new USP standard. Please be aware there will nonetheless be a period of time when product manufactured under the old and new USP standard will simultaneously be on the market. During the transition period, please note all existing inventories are non-returnable and non-refundable.

Heparin manufactured under the new standard will be differentiated by a lot number ending in the letter "N." Please see the following page or visit PPCdrugs.com for examples of appearance and placement. To further assist with identification, each case of Heparin manufactured to the new USP standard will be labeled with stickers identifying it as: **PPC Heparin Manufactured to New USP Standard**

Customers can find up-to-date information on our website at PPCdrugs.com, including copies of all customer communications, copies of Health Canada communications, Frequently Asked Questions and Answers and links to additional information.

For clinical and technical questions regarding PPC products, please call Medical Information at 1-877-779-7760 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET.

PPC continues to be committed to you, our customers, and to providing safe products you can trust.

Sincerely,

Wendy Ward
Vice President, Marketing
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PPC HEPARIN MANUFACTURED TO NEW USP STANDARDS

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VIAL LABELS



TRAY LABELS

