



78 captures  
29 Sep 09 - 11 Mar 17



### Archived Content

The content on this page is provided for reference purposes only. This content has not been altered or updated since it was archived.

Search Archive

[Home](#)<sup>3</sup> [News & Events](#)<sup>4</sup> [Newsroom](#)<sup>5</sup> [Press Announcements](#)<sup>6</sup> [2006](#)<sup>7</sup>

### News & Events

#### FDA NEWS RELEASE

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

P06-123  
August 30, 2006

#### Media Inquiries:

Catherine McDermott, 301-827-6242

#### Consumer Inquiries:

888-INFO-FDA

### FDA Warns Consumers Not to Buy or Use Prescription Drugs from Various Canadian Websites that Apparently Sell Counterfeit Products

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is advising consumers not to purchase prescription drugs from websites that have orders filled by Mediplan Prescription Plus Pharmacy or Mediplan Global Health in Manitoba, Canada following reports of counterfeit versions of prescription drug products being sold by these companies to U.S. consumers. FDA is investigating these reports and is coordinating with international law enforcement authorities on this matter.

FDA recommends that consumers who have purchased drugs from these websites not use the products because they may be unsafe. Laboratory analyses are underway for intercepted product that was destined for the U.S. market. Preliminary laboratory results to date have found counterfeits of the following drug products from these websites: Lipitor, Diovan, Actonel, Nexium, Hyzaar, Ezetrol (known as Zetia in the United States), Crestor, Celebrex, Arimidex, and Propecia. All of these medications require a prescription from a licensed health care provider to be legally dispensed.

DRUG NAME	USE(S)
<b>LIPITOR</b>	Cholesterol disorders
<b>CRESTOR</b>	Cholesterol disorders
<b>ZETIA (US name) / EZETROL (Canadian name)</b>	Cholesterol disorders
<b>DIOVAN</b>	High blood pressure
<b>HYZAAR</b>	High blood pressure
<b>ACTONEL</b>	Osteoporosis in postmenopausal women
<b>NEXIUM</b>	Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
<b>CELEBREX</b>	Arthritis-related pain
<b>ARIMIDEX</b>	Breast cancer
<b>PROPECIA</b>	Male-pattern baldness

Some of the websites that are operated by Mediplan or that have order fulfillment through Mediplan are:

- www.RxNorth.com;
- www.Canadiandrugstore.com;
- www.Rxbyfax.com;
- www.Northcountryrx.com;
- www.Canada-pharmacy.com;
- www.My-canada-pharmacy.com;
- www.NLRX.com;
- www.Canampharmacy.com;
- www.Canada-Meds-For-Less.net; and
- www.Canadian-safe.com

As a general matter, FDA advises consumers to use caution when buying medical products online. Although a website may appear reputable and similar to legitimate retail pharmacy websites, many actually operate from outside the U.S. and provide unapproved drugs from unreliable sources.



78 captures

29 Sep 09 - 11 Mar 17

http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/2006/u Go

NOV JAN

18

2015 2017

found to be counterfeit. These results demonstrated that some Internet sites that claimed to be "Canadian" were, in fact, selling drugs of dubious origin, safety and efficacy.

Today's announcement is consistent with FDA's earlier message of the dangers posed by such websites and the need for caution on behalf of the public.

Drug counterfeiting is illegal for good reason. Drug counterfeiting defrauds consumers and can expose them to products containing unknown, ineffective, or harmful ingredients. Counterfeit drugs may be toxic or contain doses that are too small to treat a medical condition, or so large that they could endanger the health of the user. Because of the dangers posed by counterfeit drugs, the FDA aggressively investigates all instances of drug counterfeiting.

#

[RSS Feed for FDA News Releases](#)<sup>10</sup> [[what is RSS?](#)<sup>11</sup>]

Page Last Updated: 04/05/2013

Note: If you need help accessing information in different file formats, see [Instructions for Downloading Viewers and Players](#).

Language Assistance Available: [Español](#) | [繁體中文](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [한국어](#) | [Tagalog](#) | [Русский](#) | [العربية](#) | [Kreyòl Ayisyen](#) | [Français](#) | [Polski](#) | [Português](#) | [Italiano](#) | [Deutsch](#) | [日本語](#) | [فارسی](#) | [English](#)

[Accessibility Contact](#) [FDA Careers](#) [FDA Basics](#) [FOIA](#) [No FEAR Act](#) [Site Map](#) [Nondiscrimination](#) [Website Policies](#)



U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
10903 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20993  
Ph. 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332)

[Contact FDA](#)



[For Government](#) [For Press](#)

[Combination Products](#) [Advisory Committees](#) [Science & Research](#) [Regulatory Information](#) [Safety](#) [Emergency](#) [Preparedness](#)  
[International Programs](#) [News & Events](#) [Training and Continuing Education](#) [Inspections/Compliance](#) [State & Local Officials](#)  
[Consumers](#) [Industry](#) [Health Professionals](#) [FDA Archive](#)



**Links on this page:**

1. </web/20170118090959/http://www.addthis.com/bookmark.php?u508=true&v=152&username=fdamain>
2. </web/20170118090959/http://www.addthis.com/bookmark.php>
3. </web/20170118090959/http://www.fda.gov/default.htm>
4. </web/20170118090959/http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/default.htm>
5. </web/20170118090959/http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/default.htm>
6. </web/20170118090959/http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/default.htm>
7. </web/20170118090959/http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/2006/default.htm>
8. </web/20170118090959/http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/default.htm>
9. </web/20170118090959/http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/default.htm>
10. </web/20170118090959/http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/ContactFDA/StayInformed/RSSFeeds/PressReleases/rss.xml>
11. <ssLINK/ucm144575.htm>