



# Health Alert: Penicillin G Benzathine (Bicillin L-A) Voluntary Recall and Shortage

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## **Situational Update: Bicillin L-A Recall**

On July 10, 2025, Pfizer, the manufacturer of penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L-A), issued a [voluntary recall](#) of affected product lots due to particulates identified in the syringes during visual inspection. This includes both 1.2 million units/2 mL and 2.4 million units/4 mL prefilled syringes distributed from **December 11, 2023 – June 24, 2025**.

Please **check your Bicillin stock immediately** as affected [lots](#) (see below) should be discontinued. You can find more information about credit reimbursement for returned affected lots in Pfizer's Bicillin L-A [recall notification](#).

In response to this recall and as Pfizer is the only manufacturer of Bicillin L-A, the [FDA](#) anticipates a limited supply of Bicillin L-A 1.2 and 2.4 mu doses *with no estimated recovery date*.

**Bicillin L-A is the only acceptable treatment for pregnant people infected with or exposed to syphilis and should be prioritized for babies exposed to syphilis in utero.** Utilizing [Pfizer's Medical Request Process](#), providers and pharmacy directors who no longer have wholesale or hospital system access to Bicillin L-A can submit a [medical request form](#) for patients who can only receive Bicillin L-A due to the risk of congenital syphilis.

Among non-pregnant adults, doxycycline 100 mg PO BID x 14 days is an acceptable alternative for those with primary, secondary, or early latent syphilis, and for those who have been exposed to a patient with infectious syphilis. Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID x 28 days is an acceptable alternative for those with late latent syphilis. [Limited data support ceftriaxone](#) as an effective therapy option for the treatment of primary and secondary syphilis, and neurosyphilis, in non-pregnant adults. [Extencilline and Lentocilin](#) were approved by FDA for temporary importation due to prior shortages and remain available.

Other intramuscular formulations of penicillin (e.g. Bicillin C-R) are *not* acceptable alternatives for the treatment of syphilis.

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### **Actions Requested of SF Clinicians**

1. **Check your clinic's Bicillin L-A stock against the list of affected lots** and discontinue using any affected lots immediately.
2. **Prioritize penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L-A) for pregnant people and infants with syphilis infection or exposure, and those with an allergy to doxycycline.**
3. **Use doxycycline to treat non-pregnant adults with primary, secondary, early latent or late latent syphilis, or who are contacts to syphilis,** who are able to adhere to a multi-day regimen.
4. **Use alternative drugs** to treat group A strep pharyngitis and for primary rheumatic fever prophylaxis, e.g. penicillin V, amoxicillin, and azithromycin to conserve Bicillin L-A.
5. **Contact SF City Clinic** at (628) 217-6677 if you are having trouble obtaining Bicillin L-A.

### **Additional Resources: Bicillin L-A**

- [Pfizer announces urgent recall of Bicillin L-A](#), affected lot numbers below

Carton NDC	Syringe NDC	Lot Number	Expiration Date YYMMDD	Strength	Configuration/ Count
60793-701-10	60793-701-02	GL2954	270131	1,200,000 units/ 2 mL	10 (2 mL) syringes per carton, 24 cartons per shipping case
		HP6222	270131		
		HP6228	271031		
		HP6232	270930		
		HR9967	270531		
		HJ3235	260930		
60793-702-10	60793-702-04	LT5190	270930	2,400,000 units/ 4 mL	10 (4 mL) syringes per carton, 24 cartons per shipping case
		GT2598	260930		
		GT2599	260930		
		HR9969	270430		
		HK2909	270228		
		HR9984	270831		

- [Pfizer Bicillin Supply Update – July 2025](#)
- [FDA on Bicillin L-A shortage and availability of Extencilline](#)
- [Extencilline Ordering and Administration Instructions](#)
- [CDC STI Treatment Guidelines for Syphilis](#)
- [CDPH: Alternative therapies for the treatment of syphilis in non-pregnant adults](#)

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