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Date	Brand Name	Product Description	Reason/Problem	Company
01/29/2018	Gericare	Sterile Eye Irrigation Solution	Potential microbial contamination which compromises sterility	Kareway Products Inc.
01/26/2018	Limbrel	Limbrel, Limbrel 250, Limbrel 500	Due to potential serious side effects	Primus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
01/19/2018	Basic Drugs	Senna Laxative	Mislabeling	Magno-Humphries Laboratories, Inc.
01/16/2018	Nexterone	Nexterone 150mg/100ml injection	Presence of particulate matter	Baxter International Inc.
01/12/2018	AuroMedics	Levofloxacin in 5% Dextrose Injection 250mg/50mL	Particulate Matter	AuroMedics Pharma LLC
01/11/2018	PharMEDium Services LLC	Various compounded drug products intended to be sterile	Lack of sterility assurance	PharMEDium Services LLC
01/10/2018	International Laboratories, LLC	Clopidogrel Tablets USP, 75 mg	Due to mis-labeling	International Laboratories, LLC
01/09/2018	AuroMedics Pharma LLC	Ampicillin and Sulbactam for Injection USP	Presence of glass particles	AuroMedics Pharma LLC
12/27/2017	PharMEDium Services, LLC	Compounded injectables	Lack of Sterility Assurance	PharMEDium Services, LLC
12/22/2017	AuroMedics	Linezolid Injection	Particulate contamination (mold)	AuroMedics Pharma

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<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/drugshortages/default.cfm>

February 02, 2018

- [Deferoxamine Mesylate for Injection, USP](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Repaglinide Tablets](#) (*Discontinuation*)
- [Thioridazine Hydrochloride Tablets](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

January 26, 2018

- [Flunisolide \(Aerospan\) Inhalation Aerosol](#) (*Discontinuation*)
- [Sterile Water](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

January 25, 2018

- [Carboplatin Injection](#) (*Discontinuation*)
- [Cisplatin Injection](#) (*Discontinuation*)
- [Dorzolamide Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Doxorubicin Injection](#) (*Discontinuation*)
- [Gemcitabine Injection](#) (*Discontinuation*)
- [Ifosfamide Injection](#) (*Discontinuation*)
- [Methotrexate Injection](#) (*Discontinuation*)

January 24, 2018

- [Dorzolamide Hydrochloride and Timolol Maleate \(Cosopt\) Ophthalmic Solution](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Dorzolamide Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Etoposide Injection](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Sterile Water](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

January 23, 2018

- [Sterile Water](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

Updated

February 05, 2018

- [Atropine Sulfate Injection](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

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- [Atenolol Tablets](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Cromolyn Sodium Inhalation Solution, USP](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

February 01, 2018

- [Technetium Tc99m Succimer Injection \(DMSA\)](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

January 31, 2018

- [Calcium Chloride Injection, USP](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Cefepime Injection](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Sodium Phosphate Injection](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

January 30, 2018

- [Atenolol Tablets](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)
- [Carbidopa and Levodopa Extended Release Tablets](#) (*Currently in Shortage*)

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- [Gericare Eye Wash by Kareway Products: Recall - Potential Product Contamination](#) Probability of a potentially sight threatening eye infection or impairment. Posted 02/02/2018
- [Ocaliva \(obeticholic acid\): Drug Safety Communication - Boxed Warning Added To Highlight Correct Dosing](#) FDA is clarifying the current recommendations for screening, dosing, monitoring, and managing PBC patients with moderate to severe liver disease taking Ocaliva. Posted 02/01/2018
- [AirLife Humidification Chamber, Heated Breathing Circuit Kits by Vyair Medical: Class I Recall - Manufacturing Error](#) Parts of the chamber may split apart into layers, allowing water to overflow the chamber and back up into the patient breathing circuit, which could lead to serious adverse health consequences, including injury or death. Posted 01/31/2018
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