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KVK-Tech issues voluntary nationwide recall of 1 lot of betaxolol tablets, USP 10 mg as a precautionary measure due to a single foreign tablet found during the line clearance after the batch was packaged

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About this recall:

KVK-Tech is voluntarily recalling one lot of betaxolol tablets, USP 10 mg, white, round, film-coated betaxolol tablets, debossed “K” above bisect “13” on one side and plain on the other side” to the consumer level. The batch was distributed nationwide to wholesalers and retailers. The batch is being recalled as a precautionary measure due to a single oxycodone HCl tablet 5 mg foreign tablet found on the packaging line during the line clearance after the subject batch was packaged.

Betaxolol tablets are used for the treatment of hypertension (high blood pressure).

What this means to you:

The betaxolol package insert warns about slowing in the heart rate in older patients, which is likely to exacerbated by inadvertent opioid administration. Additionally, some patients prescribed low-dose betaxolol might be have compromised heart and lung function that is also likely to be exacerbated by an opioid. Furthermore, there are minor differences in appearance between betaxolol 10 mg tablets and oxycodone 5 mg tablets, not likely to be noticed by a regular user of the 10 mg betaxolol tablet. Specific patient populations such as those with opioid use disorder (OUD) or at risk of OUD, infants, children, and older adults, are likely to be negatively affected by inadvertently receiving an opioid, especially if a substantial number of oxycodone tablets have been introduced into a bottle labeled as betaxolol. Therefore, inadvertent exposure to a controlled substance, such as oxycodone, in that patient population is likely to result in significant slowing in breathing, known as respiratory depression, which is a serious health risk.