





Lidocaine HCI 2% Topical Jelly X 30 mL tube

The Issue: Numerous lots of lidocaine hydrochloride 2% topical jelly X 30 mL sterile tubes have been recalled from Aspen Pharma due to a potential for foreign particle in the tube.

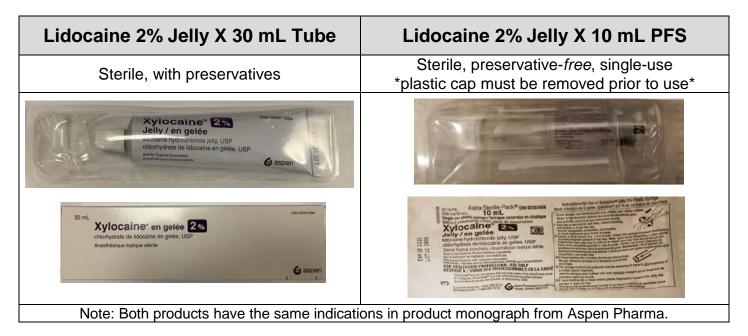
Anticipated Availability: A new lot is expected in January 2020.

Clinical Use: Topical lidocaine jelly is used in various procedures to achieve surface anesthesia (e.g. male and female urological procedures, endoscopic procedures, proctoscopy, rectoscopy).

Practice Implications: Nearly all stock in NH has been affected and removed from the wards. Clinicians should be aware of this shortage and the differences in the suggested alternative.

Potential Alternatives*:

- lidocaine 10 mg/metered dose topical spray for endotracheal/respiratory tract procedures
- lidocaine 2% topical jelly X 10 mL pre-filled syringe (PFS) (primary use in Urology):



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^{*}Alternates are provided for clinician information and my not be appropriate for all clinical situations. The information provided does not replace clinical judgment.