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**[FDA Announces Abbott voluntary recall of powdered Similac, Alimentum, EleCare and EleCare Jr](#)**

On February 17, 2022, Abbott (NYSE: ABT) initiated a proactive, voluntary recall of powder formulas, including Similac, Alimentum and EleCare manufactured in Sturgis, Mich., one of the company's manufacturing facilities. The recall does not include any metabolic deficiency nutrition formulas.

Abbott is voluntarily recalling these products after four consumer complaints related to *Cronobacter sakazakii* or *Salmonella* Newport in infants who had consumed powder infant formula manufactured in this facility.

Abbott's entire inventory of the following powdered formulas is affected:

- 12.6 oz Similac Total Comfort powder
- 12.5 oz Similac For Spit-Up powder
- EleCare Infant and EleCare Jr powder\* (only manufactured in powder)
- Alimentum powder\*

**\*Patients that have a current WIC Special Formula and Food Request for Alimentum powder, EleCare Infant or EleCare Jr have been directed to contact their health care provider for a new formula prescription and WIC form.**

**Please do not instruct WIC patients to discard recalled formulas.**

Instructions for returning recalled formulas may be found at [Michigan.gov/WIC](http://Michigan.gov/WIC).

To assist with prescribing a new formula, a list of nutritionally comparable WIC authorized formulas can be found on the following page.

| Current Recalled Abbott Product | Alternatives                                       | General Description  |
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| Alimentum powder                | Nutramigen<br>Gerber Extensive HA                  | Nutritionally complete, extensively hydrolyzed formula that contains hydrolyzed proteins designed to avoid allergenic immune responses.        |
| Alimentum powder                | Pregestimil  | Nutritionally complete, extensively hydrolyzed formula for infants who experience fat malabsorption and are also sensitive to intact proteins. |
| EleCare Infant                  | Neocate Infant<br>Neocate Syneo Infant<br>Puramino | Nutritionally complete, amino acid-based (elemental), infant formula.  |
| EleCare Jr                      | Neocate Jr<br>Puramino Jr                          | Nutritionally complete, amino acid-based (elemental), formula for children $\geq$ 1 year old. Delivers more calories per oz. 30 cal/oz         |

WIC can provide clients alternate options for standard infant formulas such as Similac Total Comfort and Similac For Spit-Up.

WIC cannot provide an alternate formula for Alimentum, EleCare Infant and EleCare Jr without medical authorization. It is urgent that these children are prescribed a new formula. Please complete the [Michigan Special Formula/Food Request](#) and submit/fax to your patient’s local WIC agency.

Thank you for your partnership in providing infants and children with the nutrition support they need to grow and develop appropriately. The Michigan WIC Program appreciates your support.

The recall remains a fluid situation, with new information available daily. Please reference the [www.michigan.gov/WIC](http://www.michigan.gov/WIC) website for the most up-to-date information for health care providers and clients.