



Bausch and Lomb issues voluntary recall of ReNu with MoistureLoc products

Customers using ReNu with MoistureLoc immediately.

Bausch and Lomb has voluntarily issued a recall and ceased production and shipping of all ReNu with MoistureLoc products after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention alerted company officials that products containing ReNu with MoistureLoc were linked to Fusarium keratitis infections.

Customers should stop using the product immediately and monitor for symptoms of Fusarium keratitis, which include eye pain, eye redness, blurred vision, sensitivity to light, excessive tearing and eye discharge. If you experience any of these symptoms, contact your optometrist immediately.

Bausch + Lomb is complying and working closely with the FDA and CDC for further guidance and assistance. The FDA and CDC are providing invaluable resources and knowledge as we navigate this situation. We are confident this collaborative effort will facilitate an efficient and transparent investigation.

Bausch + Lomb is committed to consumer safety and production of ReNu with MoistureLoc will be halted until a thorough investigation has been completed.

Consumer well-being is Bausch and Lomb's top priority. We are committed to safety and transparency throughout this process. We will post continuous updates on our website and social media platforms.

If you were affected please reach out to our support hotline at 1-800-225-1320 to receive further assistance and support. For concerned consumers, please visit our [FAQS](https://www.bauschandlomb/renu/FAQS) page at www.bauschandlomb/renu/FAQS to learn more about the situation and potential risks.

Important Safety Information

Fusarium keratitis is a rare and serious fungal eye infection of the cornea that can cause severe pain, redness, blurred vision, and vision loss if left untreated. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms seek immediate medical attention. Early diagnosis and treatment are necessary to effectively manage the infection. To learn more about Fusarium keratitis please visit the [CDC's](https://www.cdc.gov/) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

Background

- November 2005, the first reports of Fusarium keratitis being linked to Renu with MoistureLoc occurred in Singapore and Hong Kong.
- In the early months of 2006, similar cases were reported in the United States.
- April 10th, 2006 - the FDA and CDC issued a warning regarding the possible link between Fusarium keratitis and ReNu with MoistureLoc.
- April 10th, 2006 - Bausch and Lomb issues a voluntary recall and ceases production and shipping of all ReNu with MoistureLoc products.

Bausch + Lomb remains committed to your eye health and safety.

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About Bausch + Lomb

Bausch + Lomb is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the gift of sight for millions of people around the world – from birth through every phase of life. Its comprehensive portfolio of approximately 400 products includes contact lenses, lens care products, eye care products, ophthalmic pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter products, and ophthalmic surgical devices and instruments. Founded in 1853, Bausch + Lomb has a significant global research and development, manufacturing, and commercial footprint with approximately 13,000 employees and a presence in nearly 100 countries. Bausch + Lomb is headquartered in Vaughan, Ontario with corporate offices in Bridgewater, New Jersey. For more information, visit www.bausch.com and connect with us on X, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram.

FAQs

1. What is Fusarium keratitis, and why is it a concern?

- a. Fusarium keratitis is a rare but severe fungal infection of the cornea- the transparent front part of the eye. It can cause intense pain, redness, blurred vision, and potentially lead to blindness. If not treated promptly, it can rapidly progress and cause permanent vision damage or loss.

2. Has Bausch and Lomb issued a recall for ReNu with MoistureLoc?

- a. Out of an abundance of caution, Bausch and Lomb have issued a voluntary recall of all ReNu with MoistureLoc products and have discontinued worldwide distribution of the ReNu with MoistureLoc until a thorough investigation has been completed..

3. What actions are being taken by the Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention?

- a. Bausch and Lomb is fully cooperating with the FDA and CDC to actively investigating Fusarium keratitis outbreaks linked to ReNu with MoistureLoc. They have issued public health notifications, provided guidance to healthcare providers, and are working closely with Bausch & Lomb to determine the cause and scope of the infections.

4. Are other Bausch and Lomb products affected?

- a. No, Fusarium keratitis appears to be specifically associated with the ReNu with MoistureLoc product formulation. All other products have passed safety testing and can continue to be used as directed.

5. What are the symptoms of Fusarium keratitis, and how is it diagnosed?

- a. Key symptoms include eye pain, redness, blurred vision, sensitivity to light, excessive tearing, and discharge from the eye. It is diagnosed through a clinical eye examination by an ophthalmologist, who may also take samples for laboratory testing to confirm the Fusarium fungal infection.

6. How widespread is the Fusarium keratitis outbreak, and who is most at risk?

- a. The CDC reported approximately 180 confirmed cases of Fusarium keratitis across 35 states. These cases primarily affected soft contact lens wearers who used the ReNu with MoistureLoc solution.

7. What precautions can consumers take to protect themselves from Fusarium keratitis?

- a. Consumers should stop using ReNu with MoistureLoc immediately and consult an eye care professional if they experience any symptoms. Proper contact lens hygiene, including using fresh disinfecting solution each time and replacing lenses as recommended, can help prevent infections. Users should see an ophthalmologist immediately with any concerns.
- 8. What steps would you recommend for individuals to take if they believe they have been affected by *Fusarium keratitis*?**
- a. If you experience eye pain, redness, blurred vision, or other symptoms, remove your contact lenses immediately and seek medical attention from an ophthalmologist or emergency room. Early diagnosis and treatment with antifungal medications are crucial to prevent permanent vision damage from *Fusarium keratitis*. Delaying treatment can lead to serious complications.

