UPDATES

Health notices · Monday 23 November

3 notices from the agencies today, in plain words, each with the original linked.

Certain blood pressure tablets fail dissolution testing

FDA · Recall

If you take olmesartan medoxomil, amlodipine, and hydrochlorothiazide tablets, the FDA says some products fail "dissolution" specifications.

Dissolution means how a tablet breaks down to release medicine after you swallow it. Failure may affect how well the medicine works.

What to do

Read the original notice

- Check whether your bottle matches the recalled product details in the FDA notice, and follow the instructions provided there.

FDA approval of eltrombopag olamine tablets

FDA · Approval

If you have immune thrombocytopenia (ITP)-a condition where platelets are too low to prevent bleeding-or severe aplastic anemia, the FDA approval adds eltrombopag olamine as a treatment option.

Eltrombopag is also approved for low platelets in chronic hepatitis C, to help start and keep interferon-based therapy.

The approval is for specific groups and only when low platelets raise your bleeding risk; it is not indicated for myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS).

Read the original notice

Locally acquired chikungunya reported in Switzerland's Ticino canton

WHO · Outbreak

If you live in or were in the canton of Ticino, Switzerland, health authorities reported four locally

acquired cases of chikungunya virus disease- the first such local cases in Switzerland.

Symptoms started from 10 August 2026, and the cases were found in October. None required a poor outcome, though joint symptoms persisted in some people.

Because the Asian tiger mosquito is established in parts of Switzerland, health teams carried out active case finding, alerting clinicians, and vector-control and risk communication. The risk of more local spread is currently considered low.

Read the original notice

Where this comes from

- Certain blood pressure tablets fail dissolution testing

  US Food and Drug Administration - enforcement report · https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/drug-recalls
- FDA approval of eltrombopag olamine tablets

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  World Health Organization - Disease Outbreak News · https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2026-DON627