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Dear Patient,

The FDA and the CDC have recommended we notify all patients who have taken or used medications from New England Compounding Center (NECC) as a precaution. We and your physicians want to confirm that you are feeling well and share the following information with you.

We want to assure you that **none** of the medications you received in your procedure at Palms Wellington Surgical Center have been linked to reported infections or illness to date. To insure the continued good health of our patients and the quality of our services, we stopped utilizing any medications from NECC as soon as we were notified of their association with fungal meningitis. Again, none of the medicines we administered have been associated with the illnesses reported in the news.

Our records reflect that you received a steroid injection between May 21, 2012 and September 26, 2012 at Palms Wellington Surgical Center. We believe that there is no need for concern, but in the unlikely event you experience any of the following symptoms, you should immediately contact your doctor:

<b>For Epidural or Spine Injections</b>	<b>For Joint Injections</b>
New or worsening headache	Fever
Fever	Increased pain
Sensitivity to light	Redness, warmth, or swelling in the joint that received the injection or at the injection site
Stiff neck	
New weakness or numbness in any part of your body	
Slurred speech	
Increased pain, redness or swelling at your injection site	
You can find updates and additional information on this situation by visiting: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/meningitis.html">www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/meningitis.html</a>	

Palms Wellington Surgical Center and your physicians are monitoring this situation closely and will provide updated information as needed. Your health and well being are our highest priority and continued concern.

Thank you,

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