

SPINE SAFETY WARNING:

Information for Healthcare Professionals: Ditropan XL (oxybutynin chloride) tablets: Labeling Changes

According to MedWatch, FDA notified healthcare professionals of labeling changes for Ditropan XL (oxybutynin chloride) tablets. The following has been added to the labeling:

WARNINGS

- Angioedema of the face, lips, tongue and/or larynx has been reported with oxybutynin. In some cases, angioedema occurred after the first dose. Angioedema associated with upper airway swelling may be life-threatening. If involvement of the tongue, hypopharynx, or larynx occurs, oxybutynin should be promptly discontinued and appropriate therapy and/or measures necessary to ensure a patent airway should be promptly provided.

PRECAUTIONS

Information for Patients

- Patients should be informed that oxybutynin may produce angioedema that could result in life threatening airway obstruction. Patients should be advised to promptly discontinue oxybutynin therapy and seek immediate medical attention if they experience edema of the tongue, edema of the laryngopharynx, or difficulty breathing.

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