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Renu and Outbreak of Fungal Infections of the Cornea.

THERE IS NO REASON TO PANIC! Yes, fungal infections are very serious BUT they are rare and unlike most problems, will cause extreme pain. When in doubt, get your Contact Lenses out and dump your solutions out. If the eye irritation does not subside, call us to come in for an evaluation.

There have been 109 cases worldwide; 28 of the 30 cases studied were connected to use of Renu. Therefore, Bausch and Lomb's Renu is being investigated only. It's not being recalled or taken off the shelf. There is no need too stop using RENU.

Be sure to Follow the other reminders we emphasize: Be proud of yourself for tossing your contacts out when you are supposed to (every two weeks for all ACUVUE products or every month for some other Contact Lenses, etc.)

Be very conservative sleeping in lenses since extended wear increases your risks of injury and infection. Always wash up before handling lenses. No matter what the disinfecting solution box reads, always rub your lenses. Just a little friction removes 90% of the bacteria, viruses, fungi, debris, etc.

Rinse and store with fresh solution. Do not top off, trying to save pennies. Toss your case and mascara every 3 months. Rinse and let your case air dry every day.

Call us with any question and be sure to have the health of your eyes examined regularly.

The agency (CDC = center for disease control) said it was not aware of a direct link between the Fusarium fungus and any specific product, but in 26 cases so far, patients used the ReNu MoistureLoc solution.

The FDA said Bausch was not pulling its existing MoistureLoc product from stores, but urged the roughly 30 million Americans who wear soft contact lenses to keep their hands and lens cases clean.