

### Denture Cleanser Allergic Reactions and Misuse (2/08)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has posted information about the risk of serious allergic reactions in users of denture cleansers. The FDA has received at least 73 reports of adverse events, including at least one death, related to the use of denture cleansers. These adverse events, including abdominal pain, vomiting, seizures, hypotension and difficulty breathing, have occurred both when the product has been used properly as well as from improper use. These events can occur soon after first use or after years of use. The FDA believes that the ingredient responsible for these reactions is persulfate, a known allergen. Persulfates are used in most denture cleansers to help clean and bleach the dentures. The FDA has provided specific recommendations for dental health-care professionals and an "[Advice for Patients](#)" document. The complete FDA Public Health Notification is available by visiting: [www.fda.gov/cdrh/safety/022508-denturecleansers.html](http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/safety/022508-denturecleansers.html).

