

Medical Device Alert

Ref: MDA/2013/048 Issued: 02 July 2013 at 14:00

Device

Update to MDA/2013/026

Recall of Hospira 1 litre suction canisters and liners - additional products recalled.

Suction canisters and liners with Abbott labels and list numbers are now included in the recall.

1 litre suction canisters - Abbott list number 770462.

1 litre suction liners - Abbott list numbers L212A52 and L213A52.

Manufactured by Hospira (formerly manufactured by Abbott).

All batch numbers are affected.



Problem

Potential loss of suction.

Hospira has issued an updated [Field Safety Notice](#) (dated 07 June 2013) to extend the recall of 1 litre devices to those marked with Abbott labels, and to instruct customers to seek alternatives.

This MDA is an extension of [MDA/2013/026](#) published in May 2013 to include these additional devices.

Action by

All staff who use these devices

Action

Identify affected devices.

Ensure that users are aware of the manufacturer's updated [Field Safety Notice](#).

Seek alternative devices immediately and return affected devices to the manufacturer.

Until alternative devices are available:

- Perform pre-use checks (see below). If defective units are identified, remove from use.
- Exercise caution in use, as failure can occur **despite** the pre-use checks.
- Ensure that a back-up suction device is available at all times.

CAS deadlines

Action underway: 16 July 2013

Action complete: 02 August 2013

Note: These deadlines are for systems to be in place to identify and arrange for replacements of affected devices.

Contact

Manufacturer

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Device

The affected products are part of a closed, disposable suction system that is used to isolate suction waste. They are used for adult, paediatric and neonatal patients.

Hospira has issued an updated [Field Safety Notice](#) (dated 07 June 2013) to extend the recall detailed in [MDA/2013/026](#), to include 1 litre devices supplied under the legacy Abbott model numbers.

The Abbott labelled products are no longer in production, but may still be in stock.

The Abbott and Receptal products are manufactured to the same design and both are, therefore, affected. To clarify, the full list of devices affected by this problem is:

Receptal 1 litre canisters (List number 43449), previously marketed as Abbott 1L suction canisters (List number 770462);

Receptal 1 litre PVC liners (List number OL212), previously marketed as Abbott 1L suction liners (List number L212A52);

Receptal 1 litre PE liners (List number OL213), previously marketed as Abbott 1L suction liners (List number L213A52).

Problem

The vacuum needed to generate the suction cannot be created if the hard canister and the single-use liner are not properly seated during use, or if the liner separates from the canister during use.

Hospira has not yet identified the root cause of this failure. An investigation is ongoing.

Hospira cannot guarantee that the pre-use checks (listed below) will identify all defective units. Therefore, a unit could pass the pre-use checks and still fail during use.

Hospira is unable to trace customers who purchased products marked with Abbott labels.

Action

Until alternatives are made available, the following pre-use checks must be carried out:

1. During assembly, check the underside of the liner lid to ensure that the liner is not misaligned and there is a flush connection.
2. Verify that the correct vacuum pressure can be achieved and that there is no loss of suction.



Image depicting misalignment of the Receptal liner within the Receptal liner lid. Towards the top, the liner is close to the edge of the lid; on the right there is a gap



Image highlighting how the misaligned liner prevents a flush connection of the lid with the edge of the canister, which gives rise to inadequate vacuum.

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Please bring this notice to the attention of relevant employees in your establishment.

Below is a suggested list of recipients.

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- All clinical staff
- All wards
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- Hospitals in the independent sector
- Independent treatment centres
- Private medical practitioners

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If you are in England, please send enquiries about this notice to the MHRA, quoting reference number **MDA/2013/048** or **2013/004/004/081/021**

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Enquiries and adverse incident reports in Northern Ireland should be addressed to:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre

Health Estates Investment Group

Room 17

Annex 6

Castle Buildings

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Email: NIAIC@dhsspsni.gov.uk

<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/hea/niaic.htm>

How to report adverse incidents in Northern Ireland

Please report directly to NIAIC, further information can be found on our website <http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic>

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Scotland

Enquiries and adverse incident reports in Scotland should be addressed to:

Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre

NHS National Services Scotland

Gyle Square

1 South Gyle Crescent

Edinburgh EH12 9EB

Tel: 0131 275 7575

Fax: 0131 314 0722

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<http://www.hfs.scot.nhs.uk/online-services/incident-reporting-and-investigation-centre-irc/>

Wales

Enquiries in Wales should be addressed to:

Improving Patient Safety Team

Medical Directorate

Welsh Government

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