Medical Device Alert

Ref: MDA/2012/005 Issued: 16 February 2012 at 15:00

Device

Stapler
Duet TRS™ universal straight and articulating single use loading units (SULU)

Manufactured by Covidien.

Problem

Covidien has issued advice following reports of serious injuries that have occurred following the use of these devices in the thoracic cavity.

These stapler loading units have the potential to injure adjacent anatomical structures within the thorax, which may result in life threatening post-operative complications.

Action

- Do not use these Duet TRS™ Loading Units for any adult or paediatric thoracic surgery procedures.
- Return any products purchased solely for thoracic use to the manufacturer, following the instructions in the manufacturer's Field Safety Notice (FSN).

Action by

Thoracic surgeons, all surgical and theatre staff involved in the use of these devices.

CAS deadlines

Action underway: 01 March 2012

Action complete: 08 March 2012

Contact

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Device

Product codes and descriptions of affected devices:

Product code	Description
DUET4535	Duet TRS™ 45 3.5mm straight SULU
DUET4535A	Duet TRS™ 45 3.5mm articulating SULU
DUET4548	Duet TRS™ 45 4.8mm straight SULU
DUET4548A	Duet TRS™ 45 4.8mm articulating SULU
DUET6035	Duet TRS™ 60 3.5mm straight SULU
DUET6035A	Duet TRS™ 60 3.5mm articulating SULU
DUET6048	Duet TRS™ 60 4.8mm straight SULU
DUET6048A	Duet TRS™ 60 4.8mm articulating SULU

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- Thoracic surgeons
- Thoracic surgery departments
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- Independent treatment centres

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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
Stormont Estate
Dundonald BT4 3SQ

Tel: 02890 523 704
Fax: 02890 523 900

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

Further information about **SABS** can be found at http://sabs.dhsspsni.gov.uk/

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Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre
Health Facilities Scotland
NHS National Services Scotland
Gyle Square
1 South Gyle Crescent
Edinburgh EH12 9EB

Tel: 0131 275 7575
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Email: nss.iric@nhs.net

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

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