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Medical Device Alert

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Zimmer Biomet, specific hip and trauma instruments: risk of infection

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A list of people who need to have early sight of this information is given in the Notice.
This Notice has been endorsed by the Welsh Government as being relevant to NHS Wales.

Points of particular importance in Wales:

**Healthcare Quality Division
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Medical Device Alert

MDA/2018/007

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Valid until: February 2019

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Summary

Manufactured by Zimmer GmbH – recall due to risk of infection as affected instruments may not be adequately cleaned when using standard cleaning instructions.

Action

- Quarantine affected devices and obtain replacements from the manufacturer.
- Refer to the manufacturer's [Field Safety Notice](#) (ref ZFA2017-332) for a full list of affected devices.
- Report all adverse events involving these devices to Zimmer Biomet and the MHRA or the appropriate Devolved Administration.

Action by

- Medical directors
- Orthopaedic departments
- Orthopaedic and trauma surgeons
- Decontamination and sterilisation departments

Deadlines for actions

Actions underway: 01/03/2018

Actions complete: 15/03/2018

Medical Device Safety Officers (in England): ask the manufacturer to add you to their distribution list for field safety notices (FSNs). This is to help with reconciliation.

Remember: if your organisation receives an [FSN](#) from a manufacturer, always act on it. **Do not wait** for a communication from MHRA.

Problem / background

The affected devices are being recalled by the manufacturer and replaced with alternative instruments which are already available and can be adequately cleaned using standard cleaning instructions.

This Medical Device Alert is being issued to ensure adequate awareness of the issue and appropriate action is taken.

Manufacturer contacts

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Distribution

If you are responsible for cascading these alerts in your organisation, these are our suggested distribution lists.

Trusts (NHS boards in Scotland)

CAS and NICAS liaison officers for onward distribution to all relevant staff including:

- Infection control & prevention directors
- Infection control departments
- Infection control nurses
- MDSOs
- Microbiologists
- Operating department practitioners
- Operating theatres managers
- Orthopaedic surgeons
- Sterile services departments

Please note: CQC and OFSTED do not distribute these alerts. Independent healthcare providers and social care providers can sign up to receive MDAs directly from the Department of Health's Central Alerting System (CAS) by sending an email to: safetyalerts@dh.gsi.gov.uk and requesting this facility.

Enquiries

England

Send enquiries about this notice to MHRA, quoting reference number **MDA/2018/007** or **2017/010/003/701/010**.

Technical aspects

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Clinical aspects

Devices Clinical Team, MHRA

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Reporting adverse incidents in England

Through Yellow Card <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

Northern Ireland

Alerts in Northern Ireland are distributed via the [NICAS system](#).

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

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre, CMO Group,
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Tel: 028 9052 3868

Email: niaic@health-ni.gov.uk

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/niaic>

Reporting adverse incidents in Northern Ireland

Please report directly to NIAIC using the [forms on our website](#).

Scotland

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

Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre, Health Facilities Scotland, NHS National Services Scotland

Tel: 0131 275 7575

Email: nss.irc@nhs.net

Reporting adverse incidents in Scotland

NHS Boards and Local Authorities in Scotland – report to [Health Facilities Scotland](#).

Contractors such as private hospitals carrying out NHS work and private care homes that accept social work funded clients – report to [Health Facilities Scotland](#).

Private facilities providing care to private clients report to the [Care Inspectorate](#) and [MHRA](#).

Wales

Enquiries in Wales should be addressed to:

Healthcare Quality Division, Welsh Government

Tel: 02920 823 624 / 02920 825 510

Email: Haz-Aic@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Reporting adverse incidents in Wales

Report to MHRA through Yellow Card <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/> and follow specific advice for reporting in Wales in [MDA/2004/054 \(Wales\)](#).