

URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE
Covidien Endo GIA™ Articulating Loading Units

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Attention: Risk Management Director and O.R. Materials Management

Dear Valued Customer:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that Medtronic is voluntarily recalling specific production lots of its Covidien Endo GIA™ Articulating Loading Units.

Issue Description:

This voluntary recall is being conducted due to the potential for a device to be missing the sled component. The sled component is responsible for staple deployment. Without the sled, no staples would be deployed. Use of a product with this issue may result in failure to form a staple line when tissue is divided, leading to bleeding or leakage of luminal contents. Medtronic has received four reports of injury related to this issue.

This voluntary recall affects only the item codes and lots listed on Attachment A.

Medtronic requests that you immediately discontinue use of the affected products detailed on Attachment A. Please quarantine and return any unused products of the listed item codes and lots. Unused products from the affected item codes and lots should be returned as described in the Required Actions section below. If you have distributed Endo GIA™ devices listed on Attachment A please promptly forward the information from this letter to those recipients. All unused products from the affected item codes and lots must be returned.

Required Actions:

1. Please immediately discontinue use, and quarantine the affected item codes and lots listed on Attachment A.
2. Please return affected product as indicated below.
3. Complete the Return Verification Form **even if you do not have inventory**.

	Customer with inventory	Customer with zero inventory	Where to send the completed form
Purchased directly from Medtronic	Please complete the attached Returns Verification Form in its entirety. Upon receiving your form, Medtronic Customer Care will contact you to organize the return of your products. You will receive credit for unused device(s) that you return.	Complete form and check the box indicating "no inventory"	E-mail or fax the completed form to the Medtronic contact provided on the verification form.
Purchased from a distributor	Complete all fields on the form and contact your distributor directly to arrange for return of product	Complete form and check the box indicating "no inventory"	E-mail or fax the completed form to your Distributor & to the Medtronic contact provided on the verification form.

The Competent Authority of your country has been notified of this action. Please maintain a copy of this notice in your records.

We request that you contact Medtronic if you experienced quality problems or adverse events.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause. We are committed to patient safety and appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact your Medtronic representative.

Sincerely,

Attachment A

Item Code	Item Description	Affected Lots		
030450	Endo GIA™ Auto Suture™ Universal Articulating Loading Unit 30mm- 2.0mm	N7L0306KX	N8B0724KX	N8C1303KRX
		N7M0221KX	N8C0958KX	
030451	Endo GIA™ Auto Suture™ Universal Articulating Loading Unit 30mm - 2.5mm	N7L0071KX	N7M0464KX	N8A1014KX
		N7L0527KX	N7M0786KX	N8B0304KX
		N7L0792KX	N8A0154KX	N8C0830KX
		N7L0914KX	N8A0553KX	N8C0847KRX
		N7L1014KX	N8A0850KX	N8C0848KRX
		N7L1159KX		
030452	Endo GIA™ Auto Suture™ Universal Articulating Loading Unit 30mm - 3.5mm	N7L0191KX	N8B0234KX	N8C0147KX
		N7M0944KX		
030454	Endo GIA™ Auto Suture™ Universal Articulating Loading Unit 45mm - 2.5mm	N7K1146KX	N7M0509KX	N8A0434KX
		N7L0355KX	N7M0520KX	N8A0435KX
		N7L1119KX	N7M0521KX	N8B0487KX
		N7M0088KX	N8A0312KRX	N8C0026KX
		N7M0343KX	N8A0360KX	N8C0119KX
		N7M0477KRX	N8A0433KX	N8C0630KX
030455	Endo GIA™ Auto Suture™ Universal Articulating Loading Unit 45mm- 3.5mm	N7F0576KX	N7M0383KX	N8A0324KX
		N7L0032KX	N7M0584KX	N8A0477KRX
		N7L0239KX	N7M0696KX	N8A0551KX
		N7L0519KX	N8A0036KX	N8C0357KX
		N7M0104KX		
030457	Endo GIA™ Auto Suture™ Universal Articulating Loading Unit 60mm -2.5mm	N7D0492KRX	N7L0699KX	N8A0213KX
		N7F0518KX	N7L0732KX	N8B0002KX
		N7F0651KX	N7L1043KX	N8C0429KX
		N7L0270KX		
030458	Endo GIA™ Auto Suture™ Universal Articulating Loading Unit 60mm - 3.5mm	N7F0631KX	N7M0646KX	N8B0099KX
		N7L0117KX	N7M0740KX	N8C0008KX
		N7L0397KX	N7M0972KX	N8C0205KX
		N7L0465KX	N8A0172KX	N8C0532KX
		N7L0768KX	N8A0539KX	N8C0571KX
		N7L0911KX	N8A0679KX	N8C0758KX
		N7L1075KX	N8A0910KX	N8C0795KX
		N7M0067KX	N8A0961KX	N8C1284KRX
		N7M0314KX	N8B0054KX	
EGIA30CTAV	Endo GIA™ 30mm Gray Curved Tip Articulating Vascular Reload with Tri-Staple™ Technology	N7G0756KX		
EGIA30AV	Endo GIA™ 30mm Gray Articulating Vascular Reload with Tri-Staple™ Technology	N7G0757KX		
EGIA45CTAV	Endo GIA™ 45mm Gray Curved Tip Articulating Vascular Reload with Tri-Staple™ Technology	N7G0796KX		

Attachment B

