

Teleflex Medical
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Co. Westmeath, Ireland
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URGENT - FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

Inspect Arrow EZ-IO® Package to ensure Safety Cap is Attached to Needle

Commercial Name of Affected Product:		Arrow® EZ-IO® Intraosseous Vascular Access Needle Sets 15mm Needle + Stabilizer Kit (9018P) 25mm Needle + Stabilizer Kit (9001P) 45mm Needle + Stabilizer Kit (9079P)		
Type of action:		Advisory Notice		
Teleflex Reference:		EIF-000372		
Product codes (All Lot/Batch Numbers)				
9018P-EE-005	9018P-EU-005	9018P-ME-005	9018P-NO-005	9018P-VC-005
9001P-EE-005	9001P-EU-005	9001P-ME-005	9001P-NO-005	9001P-VC-005
9079P-EE-005	9079P-EU-005	9079P-ME-005	9079P-NO-005	9079P-VC-005

Dear Customer,

Teleflex and its subsidiary Arrow International are issuing this Field Safety Notice for the above listed product codes.

Description of the problem & immediate actions required

Teleflex and Arrow have recently received 32 complaints reporting that the safety cap attached to needles within the EZ-IO needle sets may become dislodged exposing the needle and potentially causing the needle to protrude through the packaging. To date, there is only one reported needle stick. If this issue is not detected, the immediate risk of exposure to the affected devices is needle stick injury to the clinician or health care professional. In addition, a puncture of the packaging may compromise the sterility of the needle.

Customer Action: Our records indicate that you have received products that are subject to this Field Safety Notification. Place a copy of this notice with the product to ensure all users are aware of the need to perform this inspection.

We are now notifying our customers to take the following actions:

- 1.) If you have stock in inventory, visually inspect the product.
 - a. If the safety cap covers the needle, per Figure 1 below, this product is acceptable for use.
 - b. If, after inspection, you identify codes/lots as defective, please:
 - Dispose of such product locally; and
 - Inform us of the affected codes/lots by calling the phone number or emailing the customer service contact mentioned below in order for your account to be credited.



Figure 1.

Please provide this Field Safety Notice to all those who need to be aware of it within your organisation and place a copy with affected product. Please consider, clinicians, risk managers, supply chain/distribution centres, etc. in the circulation of this notice. There is no further action required.

Distributors:

If you are a distributor, please perform Action 1.

Provide this field safety notice to all your customers who have received product in scope of this Field Action. There is no further action required.

If you have further distributed product outside of your country, please notify Teleflex by return email to the e-Mail address below. If you are a distributor and/or have a reporting responsibility within or outside the EEA/CH/TR region, please notify your local Competent Authority of this action. Please forward the notification and all communication with your local competent authority to Teleflex.

Containment: Corrective actions are being implemented at the manufacturing facility to reduce the risk of the safety cap dislodging from the needle.

Teleflex

Teleflex informs all customers, employees of Teleflex and distributors on this Field Action.

Transmission of this Field Safety Notice

This notice should be passed on to all persons who need to be aware within your organization or to any organization where the potentially affected devices have been transferred. Please consider end users, clinicians, risk managers, supply chain/distribution centres etc. in the circulation of this notice.

Maintain awareness of this notice until all required actions have been completed in your organisation.

Contact reference person

Should you require any further information or support concerning this issue, please contact:

Customer Service

Contact: Nicole Morawiec

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Teleflex is committed to providing high quality, safe and effective products. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this action may cause your operations. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact your local sales representative or Customer Service.

For and on behalf of Teleflex and Arrow

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