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## **URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE: R-2022-05**

Date Issued: June 30, 2022

Reference: R-2022-05

Legal Manufacturer: Arthrocare Corporation

Concerned Devices: FLOW 90 Coblation Wand

Product No.	Description	Batch No.
72290038	FLOW 90 Coblation Wand	2086510, 2087447, 2087448, 2087450, 2087451, 2087452, 2087449, 2087969, 2087970, 2087986

Dear Customer:

This letter is to inform you that Smith & Nephew, Inc. (Arthrocare Corporation – Austin, TX, USA) has initiated a Field Action to voluntarily remove a group of FLOW 90 Coblation Wands due to an incorrect expiration date encoded in the wand which prevents use. Complaints were received reporting the error message “Wand has passed expiration date” displayed on the WEREWOLF Controller.

This field action has been reported to the relevant competent authorities.

### **Patient Impact**

Smith+ Nephew recommends that physicians maintain their routine patient follow-up protocol.

<b>Risks to Health</b>	In the event the affected device is connected to the WEREWOLF Controller, the WEREWOLF Controller will prevent wand activation, requiring the use of a backup or similar device to be used to complete the procedure, most likely without delay. In the worst case, a backup or similar device is not available which may result in a delay.
<b>Actions to be taken by the user</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ensure that the contents of this Field Safety Notice are read and understood by those within your organisation who may use FLOW 90 Coblation Wand</li><li>2. Locate and quarantine affected devices immediately. If you have further distributed the product to other organisations, please inform them at once of this Field Action and provide to them a copy of this letter.</li><li>3. Please complete the Customer Response form and email or fax it to your national Smith+Nephew agency/distributor.</li></ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Return quarantined product to your national Smith+Nephew agency/distributor.</li><li>5. Please maintain awareness of this notice and resulting action for an appropriate period to ensure the effectiveness of the corrective action.</li></ol>
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If you or any of the healthcare providers you serve have any questions regarding this information, please contact your national Smith+Nephew agency/distributor.

Smith+Nephew is committed to distribute only products of the highest quality standards and to provide any required support. We regret that this has occurred and any inconvenience it may cause or has caused you, your patients, or your staff.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

## Customer Response Form

**Please read in conjunction with the Field Safety Notice and return the completed and signed Customer Response Form by **<date>**.**

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1. Return Acknowledgement details	
Email	<Local market to add>
Customer Helpline	<Local market to add>
Fax	<Local market to add>

By completing the information below you confirm you have read, understood and distributed the contents of this Field Safety Notice accordingly.

2. Customer Details			
Healthcare Organisation / Facility Name*	<Fillable form field>		
Name of <b>all</b> Facilities/Hospitals covered by this response*	<Fillable form field>		
Facility / Hospital Address*	<Fillable form field>		
Telephone Number	<Fillable form field>	Email address	<Fillable form field>
Name of your supplier / wholesaler (if not Smith+Nephew)	<Fillable form field>		
Healthcare Organisation / Facility Stamp (if available)	<Fillable form field>		

<b>3. Customer action undertaken on behalf of Healthcare Organisation / Facility</b> Please complete/tick as appropriate.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	I confirm receipt of the Field Safety Notice and that I read and understood its content.*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Has your Healthcare Organisation / Facility distributed the product to other organisations? If you have answered yes, tick all that apply: *	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have identified customers that received or may have received this device.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have informed the identified customers of this FSN.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	I have received confirmation of reply from all identified customers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	I performed all actions requested by the FSN. *	
Tick Appropriate Response:*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Neither I nor any of my customers has any affected devices in inventory.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	In our Organisation / Facility we have concerned devices that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- have been placed in quarantine and</li> <li>- returned as indicated in <b>Section 4</b> below.</li> </ul> Complete <b>Section 4</b> with material, batch/serial, and quantity information related to devices to be returned.

4. Devices to be Returned		
Material Number	Batch or Serial Number	Quantity Quarantined and to be returned

Print Name*	<Fillable form field>		
Signature*	<Fillable form field>	Date*	<Fillable form field>

Mandatory fields are marked with \*

It is important that your organisation takes the actions detailed in the FSN and confirms that you have received the FSN.

Your organisation's reply is the evidence we need to monitor the progress of the corrective actions.