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05 June 2023

URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

MEGADYNE™ MEGA SOFT™ and MEGA 2000 Reusable Patient Return Electrodes

Important information regarding potential for patient burns and proper steps for cleaning and setup.

Product Name	Product Code	UDI-DI	Expiration Dates
MEGADYNE™ MEGA 2000 Patient Return Electrode	0800	10614559100936	May 2023 to Current Date
MEGADYNE™ MEGA SOFT™ Reusable Patient Return Electrode	0830	10614559101797	
MEGADYNE™ MEGA SOFT™ Dual Reusable Patient Return Electrode	0835	10614559101872	
MEGADYNE™ MEGA SOFT™ Pediatric Patient Return Electrode	0840	10614559103395	
MEGADYNE™ MEGA SOFT™ Universal Patient Return Electrode	0845	10614559103906	
MEGADYNE™ MEGA SOFT™ Universal Dual Patient Return Electrode	0846	10614559104248	
MEGADYNE™ MEGA SOFT™ Universal Plus Patient Return Electrode	0847	10614559104842	
MEGADYNE™ MEGA SOFT™ Universal Plus Dual Patient Return Electrode	0848	10614559104859	

Dear Valued Customer,

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS INFORMATION WITHIN YOUR FACILITY TO ALL USERS INVOLVED in the MEGADYNE™ MEGA SOFT™ and MEGA 2000 Reusable Patient Return Electrode cleaning, operating room and patient setup, and device operation during procedures.

Purpose of this Letter

The purpose of this letter is to help ensure safe and effective use of the MEGADYNE™ MEGA SOFT™ and MEGA 2000 Reusable Patient Return Electrodes (“Mega Soft pads”) and to bring heightened awareness of the potential for burns and actions you can take which may help mitigate risks related to the Mega Soft pad setup and cleaning process. This letter is a notification and is not a product removal.

Reason for the Voluntary Field Safety Notice

Megadyne Medical Products, Inc. (“Megadyne”) has received reports of patient burns identified after surgical procedures in which Mega Soft pads were used. Megadyne is aware of 63 complaints of serious patient burns globally since April 2018. We have conducted a thorough investigation, and to this point have not identified any design or manufacturing defects, nor have we determined definitive root cause. However, Megadyne has determined that in some instances the Mega Soft pad Instructions for Use (IFU) were not being properly followed. The Mega Soft pad IFU includes proper setup steps, including that the Mega Soft pad must be thoroughly rinsed after cleaning to ensure residue from cleaning solutions are removed prior to

pad use. Failures to follow the Mega Soft pad IFU may contribute to patient burns if cleaning solution residue is not properly rinsed off. Please refer to the Mega Soft pad IFU for complete instructions on use and care. See **pages 3-5** of this letter for important highlights related to proper cleaning and setup of Mega Soft pads. We will notify customers if we identify any additional actions and mitigation steps that may help to further reduce risk and help ensure safe use of the products.

Risk to Health

Megadyne has received reports of **patient burn injuries** up to and including third-degree burns requiring intervention which may lead to prolonged hospital stay, scarring, and additional surgeries in both pediatric and adult patients.

Health care practitioners who have used Mega Soft pads during patient procedures should follow those patients post-operatively in the usual manner with no additional action required related to this correction.

Actions Required

1. Share this notification with all users involved in Mega Soft pad cleaning, operating room and patient setup, and device operation during procedures.
2. Confirm that personnel using the Mega Soft pads are following the instructions for use as shown in the photos and bullets below. Copies of the Mega Soft pad IFUs can be found at https://www.e-ifu.com.
3. Post **Attachment 2** (Cleaning and Care Visual Aid) and **Attachment 3** (Placement and Setup Visual Aid) near the OR for staff reminders regarding Mega Soft pad cleaning and setup.
4. If any subject product has been forwarded to another facility, contact that facility to share this information. Please share a copy of this notification when communicating.
5. Complete the Business Reply Form (BRF) **Attachment 1** confirming receipt of this notice and return to jnjmedical-ch@its.jnj.com (Johnson & Johnson AG) within three (3) business days.

If medical engagement is requested, please have the Healthcare Provider submit the request using the Medical Information Request website: https://www.jnjmedtech.com/mir

This action is being taken with the knowledge of the Swiss National Health Authority.

As with any medical device, adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of this product should be reported to your Sales Representative, directly to Megadyne, or your National Health Authority.

If you have any further questions related to this notice or if you need any additional communications, please contact your local Sales Representative or Customer Services.

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Cleaning the Mega Soft Pad

Clean & Disinfect Mega Soft Pad	Rinse Mega Soft Pad	Dry Mega Soft Pad
		
• **Clean/disinfect the electrode and cable after each patient use (e.g., a mild bleach solution (10:1)).** • **Do not use hydrogen peroxide[1] and limit cleaning agents with alcohol formulations to no more than 70%.** [1]Note: Not applicable for 0800 MEGADYNE™ MEGA 2000 Patient Return Electrode	• **Thoroughly rinse the patient return electrode with clear water after cleaning to remove any residue from cleaning solutions.**	• **After rinsing, dry the patient return electrode prior to next use. As with other medical devices, avoid pooling of chemicals or fluids that may contribute to patient skin breakdown or pressure ulcer formation.**

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Patient Setup with the Mega Soft Pad

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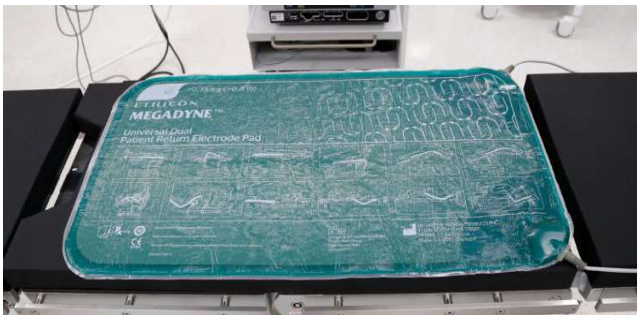	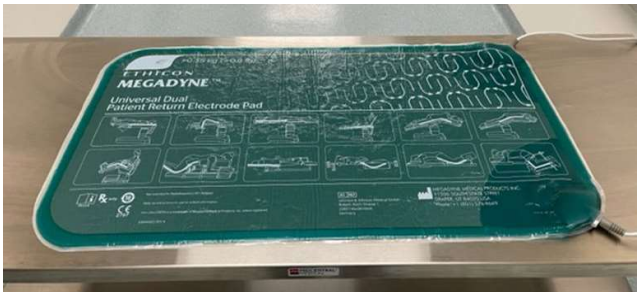
• **Do: Place the patient return electrode on the operating surface (Non-metal).** • **Do: For product code 0800 (Mega 2000™) only, place the patient return electrode into the Mega 2000™ Sheath.** • **Do: Inspect the Patient Return Electrode for damage to the outer skin, cable(s), or connector(s).**	• **Do not place the patient return electrode directly onto a metal surface.**

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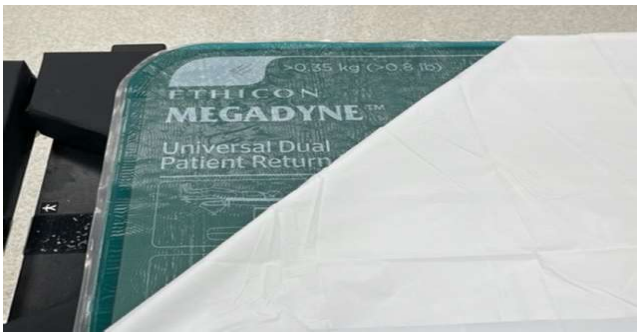	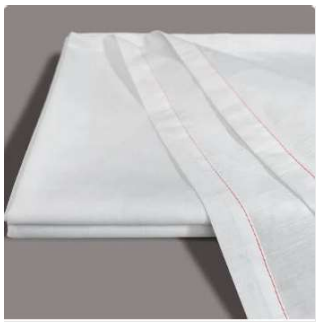
• **Do: A sheet and draw sheet may be placed over the Patient Return Electrode.**	• **Do not place excessive amounts of linens or other materials between the patient and the Patient Return Electrode.**

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Do	Do Not
	
• **Do: Keep the patient away from contact with metal parts that are grounded.**	• **Do not allow the patient to come into contact with metal parts that are grounded.** ○ **Ex: Metal portions of tables, IV poles, warming blankets with foil liner, etc.**

Do	Do Not
• **Do: Prevent skin-to-skin contact. For example, dry gauze could be used to prevent skin-to-skin contact.** • **Do: When high frequency surgical equipment and physiological monitoring equipment are used simultaneously on the same patient, any monitoring electrodes should be placed as far as possible from the surgical electrodes.** • **Do: Monitoring systems incorporating high frequency current limiting devices are recommended.**	• **Do not have skin-to-skin contact. For example, contact between the arms and body of the patient should be avoided.** • **Use of needle monitoring electrodes is not recommended.**

Attachments

Attachment 1: Business Reply Form
Attachment 2: Cleaning and Care Visual Aid for OR Use
Attachment 3: Placement and Setup Visual Aid for OR Use

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Attachment 1: Business Reply Form

Business Reply Form (BRF)

Your timely response to this notification is requested. Please complete this form and email it to jnjmedical-ch@its.jnj.com **within 3 business days.**

Account Name:	Account Address:
Your Name and Title:	Date:
Email Address:	Telephone Number:
J&J Account Number:	
Signature*: **Your signature provides confirmation that you have received and understood this notification and completed the required actions.*	

Are you replying for addresses beyond the address listed above?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please add additional addresses and J&J Account Number(s) here:

Account Name, Address, and J&J Account Number:

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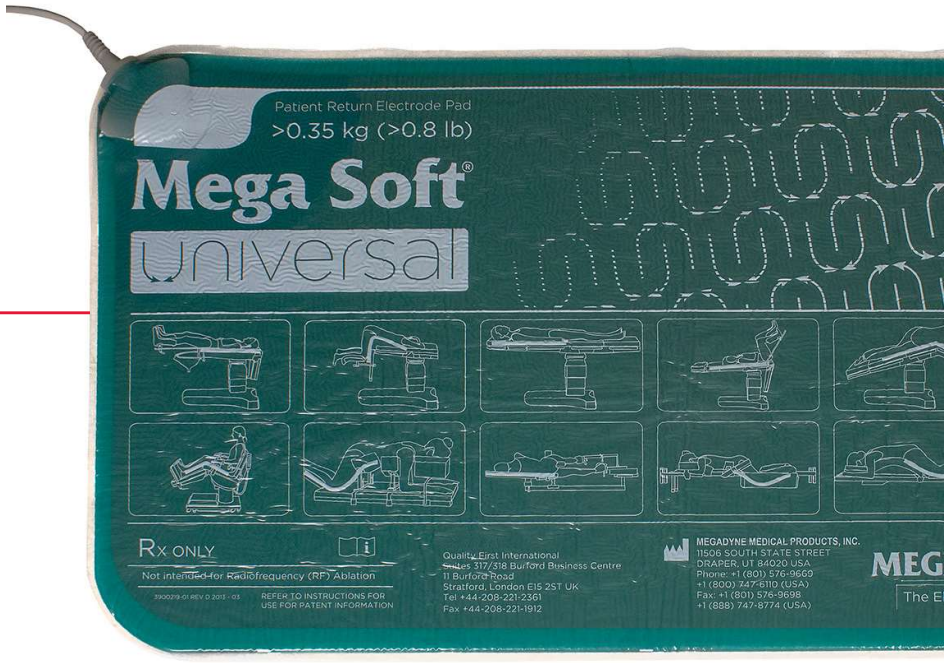
Cleaning and Care



Below is a reinforcement for key instructions for use of the MEGADYNE™ Patient Return Electrode Pads. Please reference the IFU for complete instructions. Any additional questions, please reach out to your Ethicon Sales Representative or visit our webpage https://www.jnjmedtech.com/en-EMEA/support/customer-service/ethicon.

DO

Step 1: CLEAN

- Clean/disinfect the Patient Return Electrode Pad and cable (e.g., a mild bleach solution (10:1)).

Step 2: RINSE

- **Thoroughly rinse the Patient Return Electrode Pad with clear water to remove any residue from cleaning solutions.**
- **Running water is not required for rinsing;** may be wiped with a wet cloth.

Step 3: DRY

- **Completely dry** both sides of the Patient Return Electrode Pad after each cleaning.
- **Ensure bed is completely dry** before placing the Patient Return Electrode Pad on the OR table.

DO NOT

- **Do not use hydrogen peroxide or hydrogen peroxide-containing materials to clean the Patient Return Electrode Pad.**

- **Do not use disinfectant containing more than 70% alcohol to clean the Patient Return Electrode Pad.**

Please refer always to the Instructions for Use / Package Insert that come with the device for the most current and complete instructions.

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Hummelsbütteler Steindamm 71
22851 Norderstedt, Germany

Please follow the IFU instructions for the Mega 2000™ Patient Return Electrode Pad with the Mega 2000™ Sheath for Cleaning and Care.

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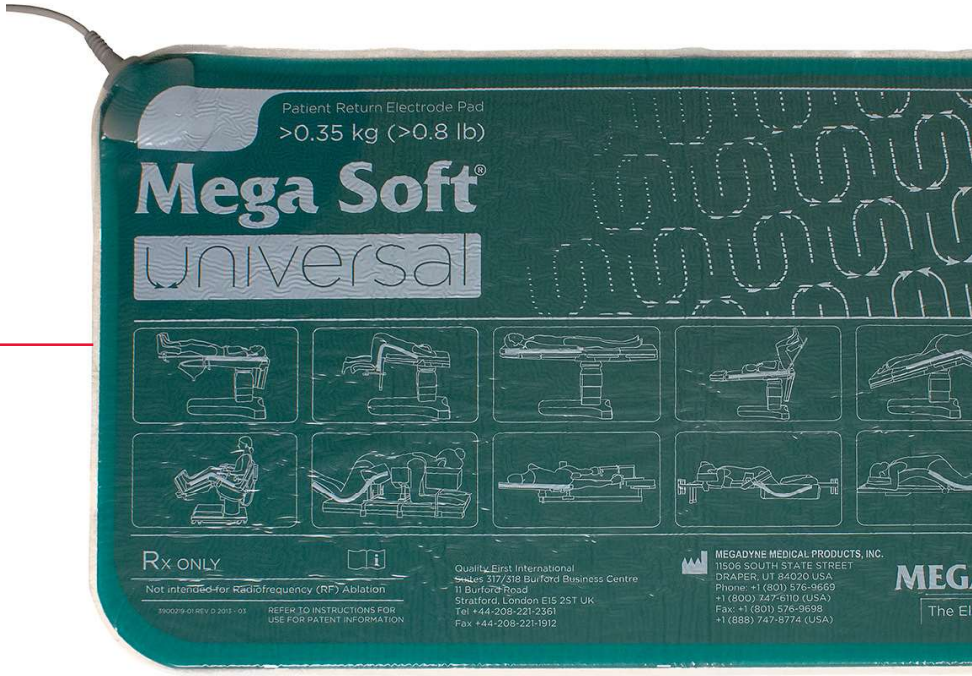
Placement and Setup



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DO

Step 1: PLACE

- Place the Patient Return Electrode Pad on a non-metal surface (e.g., padded or draped surface).

Step 2: DRAPE

- We recommend that the Patient Return Electrode Pad is draped with a thin bed linen or sheet between the patient and Patient Return Electrode Pad.

- **Best Practice**
  - Maximize patient contact with the Patient Return Electrode Pad.
  - Minimize excessive layers between the patient and the Patient Return Electrode Pad.

DO NOT

- **Do not place the Patient Return Electrode Pad directly on a metal surface.**
- **Do not allow the patient to come in contact with metal parts that are grounded when placed on the Patient Return Electrode Pad.**
- **Do not use excessive amounts of linen or other materials between the patient and the Patient Return Electrode Pad.**
- **Do not allow cleaning solutions or rinse water to come into contact with metal connectors.**
- **It is not recommended to use needle monitoring electrodes with the use of the Patient Return Electrode Pad.**

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