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Urgent Field Safety Notice

Surgilon™ Braided Nylon Suture Sofsilk™ Braided Silk Suture Monosof™ Monofilament Nylon Sutures Ti-Cron™ Coated Braided Polyester Sutures Steel Monofilament Stainless Steel Sutures

Recall

January 2024

Medtronic Reference: FA1391

EU Manufacturer Single Registration Number (SRN): US-MF-000028763

Dear Healthcare Professional, Risk Manager,

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that Medtronic is initiating a recall for specific lots of Surgilon™ Braided Nylon sutures, Sofsilk™ Braided Silk sutures, Monosof™ Monofilament Nylon Sutures, Ti-Cron™ Coated Braided Polyester Sutures and Steel Monofilament Stainless Steel Sutures.

You are receiving this letter as Medtronic records indicate your facility may have received one of the potentially affected listed below in attachment A.

Medtronic is initiating this action to prevent the use of potentially affected sutures that may impact patients.

Issue Description:

Medtronic determined that specific lots of the Surgilon™ Braided Nylon sutures, Sofsilk™ Braided Silk sutures, Monosof™ Monofilament Nylon Sutures, Ti-Cron™ Coated Braided Polyester Sutures and Steel Monofilament Stainless Steel Sutures were sterilized with gamma doses that exceeded the range approved or were exposed to more than the approved number of Ethylene Oxide- (EO) sterilization

cycles. The affected lots were distributed between May 2022 and November 2023. The expected impact on the tensile strength of these sutures will develop overtime throughout their labelled shelf

life.

The issue was identified during a recent review of records. Through 10 January 2024, Medtronic has

received no complaints or reports of serious patient injury related to this issue.

Risk to Health:

The extra gamma levels or additional Ethylene Oxide (EO) cycle have the potential to decrease the

strength of these sutures over time which could result in harms such as wound dehiscence, hemorrhage/blood loss/bleeding, tissue breakdown, peritonitis, unspecified infection, malunion of

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bone (Steel Suture), vision loss (when used in ophthalmic application), and/or prolonged surgery.

Patient Management Recommendations:

There are no additional patient management recommendations for patients where potentially affected

sutures in scope of this recall were used during a procedure. These patients should continue to be

monitored in accordance with your medical facility's standard care protocols with consideration to the

specific use.

Customer Actions:

• Identify and quarantine all unused and non-expired affected sutures listed in Attachment A.

See Attachment B for guidance on identifying potentially affected devices.

• Return all unused product from the affected lot in your inventory to Medtronic as described on

the Customer Acknowledgment Form form.

o If purchased from a distributor, contact your distributor directly to arrange for the

return of the product back to your distributor.

Please complete and return the enclosed Customer Acknowledgment Form even if you do not

have unused inventory.

Pass on this notice to all those who need to be aware within your organization or to any

organization where the potentially affected sutures have been transferred or distributed.

Additional Information:

Medtronic has notified the Competent Authority of your country of this action.

We are committed to patient safety and appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. We regret any

inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact

your Medtronic Sales Representative.

Sincerely,

Medtronic (Schweiz) AG

Enclosures:

Attachment A: List of Impacted Lot Numbers

Attachment B: Identifying Affected Sutures

Customer Acknowledgment Form

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Attachment A: List of Impacted Lot Numbers in Switzerland

Surgilon™ Braided Nylon suture Product	Model Number	GTIN/UDI	Lot Number
Description			
Sofsilk™ Braided Silk Suture	Model Number	GTIN/UDI	Lot Number
Product Description			
S-303 SOFSILK 4-0 BLK 12X75CM PCT X36	S-303	20884521086460	D2D2120RY
SS-681 SOFSILK 6-0 BLK 45CM C12 X36	SS-681	20884521087924	D2G0795FRY
Ti-Cron™ Coated Braided Polyester	Model Number	GTIN/UDI	Lot Number
Sutures*			
Product Description			
Monosof™ Monofilament Nylon Sutures*	Model Number	GTIN/UDI	Lot Number
Product Description			
Steel Monofilament Stainless Steel Sutures*	Model Number	GTIN/UDI	Lot Number
Product Description			

Attachment B:

IDENTIFYING AFFECTED PRODUCT

Locate product information on product labels in your inventory.







