

# URGENT: FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

**BLUselect® Tracheostomy Tube Kits , BLUselect® Suctionaid® Tracheostomy Tube Kits, BLUgriggs® Percutaneous Dilation Tracheostomy Procedural Kit or Tray with BLUselect® Tracheostomy Tube with or without Forceps, BLUperc® Dilation Procedural Tray with Single Stage Dilator Products, BLUperc® Percutaneous Dilation Tracheostomy Procedural Kit or Tray with or without BLUselect® Tracheostomy Tube**

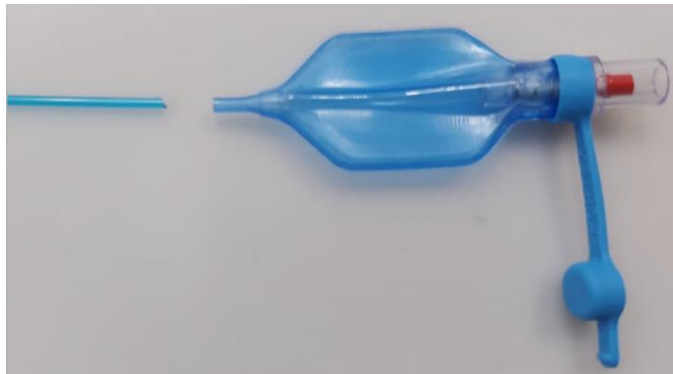
15<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Dear Valued BLUSelect® Customers,

Smiths Medical, Inc. is issuing this Urgent Field Safety Notice to notify you of a potential defect with the following BLUSelect®, BLUgriggs® and BLUperc® products listed in *Attachment 1\_Affected Product*. This letter details the issue and the required steps for you to complete.

**Issue:**

Smiths Medical has identified the potential for a disconnection of the pilot balloon from the tracheostomy inflation line within specific lots of the BLUSelect®, BLUgriggs® and BLUperc® products because of a manufacturing defect. See the photo example of the issue below.



**Potential Risk:**

If the pilot balloon used to inflate the tracheostomy cuff becomes detached from the inflation line, the cuff pressure may not be maintained which can lead to inadequate ventilation of, and increased risk of aspiration to the patient. To date, Smiths Medical has received thirteen (13) reports of serious injury and zero (0) deaths associated with this issue.

**Affected Product**

Please see the affected item and lot numbers in Attachment 1\_Affected Product List and also product distribution date range.

**Smiths Medical Actions:**

Smiths Medical is sending this notification to all BLUSelect®, BLUgriggs® and BLUperc® customers who received products from Smiths Medical listed in *Attachment 1\_Affected Product*. Smiths Medical will provide credit to affected customers upon receipt of a completed response form to certify product destruction.

**Customer Required Actions:**

When using the device, all instructions, including warning and cautions contained in the Instructions for Use Documentation must be followed with heightened awareness. Please complete the following actions listed below

1. Check all inventory locations within your institution for the affected catalog numbers and lot numbers listed in the notification and discontinue use. Discard all affected products following your institution's process for discarding. If discarding is not immediately possible at your facility, then the product should be quarantined until disposal.
2. Share this notification with all potential users of the device to ensure they are aware of this notification and proposed mitigations. If the devices are used at another location, please ensure this communication is delivered there.
3. Complete and return the attached Customer Response Form to [EMEA-FSN@icumed.com](mailto:EMEA-FSN@icumed.com) within 10 days of receipt to acknowledge your understanding of this notification.
4. **DISTRIBUTORS:** If you have distributed potentially affected products to your customers, please immediately forward this notice to them and request that they complete the response form and return it to YOU. Then the **DISTRIBUTOR** must complete a SINGLE form with the required details and return to [EMEA-FSN@icumed.com](mailto:EMEA-FSN@icumed.com)

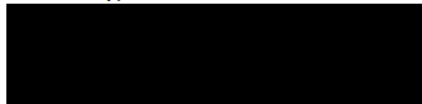
For further inquiries, please contact Smiths Medical using the following information:

| Smiths Medical Contact      | Contact Information                                                                                 | Areas of Support                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Global Complaint Management | <a href="mailto:globalcomplaints@icumed.com">globalcomplaints@icumed.com</a>                        | To report adverse events or product complaints     |
| Customer Service            | <a href="https://www.icumed.com/about-us/contact-us">https://www.icumed.com/about-us/contact-us</a> | Questions about product replacement and/or credit. |

Your country regulatory agency has been notified of this action

Smiths Medical is committed to patient safety and is focused on providing exceptional product reliability and the highest level of customer satisfaction. Thank you for your prompt support on this important matter. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Andy Mathein  
Vice President of Quality

**Enclosures:**

- Customer Response Form (See Below)
- Affected Product List (Attachment 1)

## URGENT: FIELD SAFETY NOTICE – RESPONSE FORM

**BLUselect® Tracheostomy Tube Kits , BLUselect® Suctionaid® Tracheostomy Tube Kits, BLUgriggs® Percutaneous Dilation Tracheostomy Procedural Kit or Tray with BLUselect® Tracheostomy Tube with or without Forceps, BLUperc® Dilation Procedural Tray with Single Stage Dilator Products, BLUperc® Percutaneous Dilation Tracheostomy Procedural Kit or Tray with or without BLUselect® Tracheostomy Tube**

15<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Check your inventory and complete the information below, even if you do not have the affected product. Failure to complete all sections of this page may result in improper, delayed or denied credit.**

Please return the completed form to [EMEA-FSN@icumed.com](mailto:EMEA-FSN@icumed.com). If you have questions about this form please contact [EMEA-FSN@icumed.com](mailto:EMEA-FSN@icumed.com) or your local sales representative.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Name of Hospital / Facility                                                                              |  |
| Hospital / Facility Address                                                                              |  |
| Telephone Number                                                                                         |  |
| Name and Title of Person Completing this Form                                                            |  |
| Signature of Person Completing this Form                                                                 |  |
| Date                                                                                                     |  |
| If Purchased through a distributor, please list distributor name/location here for traceability purposes |  |

**Please select one:**

- ☐ I have **NO** affected products (complete and return this form to the e-mail address above)
- ☐ **YES**, I have affected products, I have notified users in my facility and I have followed the instructions provided to me and destroyed all affected items (see table below)

**If you have affected product on hand, please complete table 1 below:**

**TABLE 1**

| Item / SKU Number | Lot Number | Quantity in inventory (Eaches) | Quantity Destroyed (Eaches) | Date of Destruction |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
|                   |            |                                |                             |                     |
|                   |            |                                |                             |                     |

**If you have distributed the product further, please complete table 2 below with collated information received from your customers and respond to ICU Medical with the overall information.**

**TABLE 2**

| Item / SKU Number | Lot Number | Quantity destroyed locally (Eaches) | Date of Destruction |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                   |            |                                     |                     |
|                   |            |                                     |                     |

**Adverse events and complaints associated with the use of this product should be reported and emailed to Smiths Medical's Global Complaint Management Department at [globalcomplaints@icumed.com](mailto:globalcomplaints@icumed.com).**

## ADDITIONAL AFFECTED PRODUCT DESTROYED

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Affected items below were distributed in Switzerland between Jul 2021 and Feb 2024

| SKU/List/Model Number | Product Description                                                                                      | Lot Number |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 101/541/070           | BLUgriggs® Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with forceps and 7.0mm BLUselect® trach tube             | 3913366    |
| 101/541/080           | BLUgriggs® Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with forceps and 8.0mm BLUselect® trach tube             | 4312324    |
| 101/561/080           | BLUperc Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with Single Stage Dilator and 8.0 mm BLUselect trach tube   | 4348886    |
| 101/561/080           | BLUperc Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with Single Stage Dilator and 8.0 mm BLUselect trach tube   | 4382035    |
| 101/561/080           | BLUperc Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with Single Stage Dilator and 8.0 mm BLUselect trach tube   | 4382038    |
| 101/561/080           | BLUperc Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with Single Stage Dilator and 8.0 mm BLUselect trach tube   | 4408626    |
| 101/561/090           | BLUperc Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with Single Stage Dilator and 9.0 mm BLUselect trach tube   | 4415811    |
| 101/563/080           | BLUperc® Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with 8.0mm BLUselect® Suctionaid® Trach Tube               | 4348857    |
| 101/563/080           | BLUperc® Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with 8.0mm BLUselect® Suctionaid® Trach Tube               | 4348860    |
| 101/563/080           | BLUperc® Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with 8.0mm BLUselect® Suctionaid® Trach Tube               | 4385043    |
| 101/800/060CZ         | BLUSELECT 6.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4382002    |
| 101/800/070CZ         | BLUSELECT 7.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4305944    |
| 101/800/075CZ         | BLUSELECT 7.5, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4348898    |
| 101/800/075CZ         | BLUSELECT 7.5, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4348899    |
| 101/800/080CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4305935    |
| 101/800/080CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4305936    |
| 101/800/085CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.5, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4348861    |
| 101/800/090CZ         | BLUSELECT 9.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4310439    |
| 101/800/090CZ         | BLUSELECT 9.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4376612    |
| 101/800/100CZ         | BLUSELECT 10.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                          | 4386600    |
| 101/800/100CZ         | BLUSELECT 10.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                          | 4413606    |
| 101/810/070CZ         | BLUSELECT 7.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4285856    |
| 101/810/080CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4230143    |
| 101/810/080CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4306016    |
| 101/810/080CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4312272    |
| 101/810/080CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4381980    |
| 101/810/085CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.5, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4306011    |
| 101/810/090CZ         | BLUSELECT 9.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4243117    |
| 101/810/090CZ         | BLUSELECT 9.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4306027    |
| 101/810/090CZ         | BLUSELECT 9.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                           | 4403367    |
| 101/810/100CZ         | BLUSELECT 10.0, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                                          | 4312263    |
| 101/812/070CZ         | BLUSELECT 7.0, CUFFED, FEN                                                                               | 4242910    |
| 101/812/075CZ         | BLUSELECT 7.5, CUFFED, FEN                                                                               | 4381979    |
| 101/812/075CZ         | BLUSELECT 7.5, CUFFED, FEN                                                                               | 4413594    |
| 101/812/085CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.5, CUFFED, FEN                                                                               | 4382043    |
| 101/812/090CZ         | BLUSELECT 9.0, CUFFED, FEN                                                                               | 4243118    |
| 101/812/100CZ         | BLUSELECT 10.0, CUFFED, FEN                                                                              | 4381995    |
| 101/812/100CZ         | BLUSELECT 10.0, CUFFED, FEN                                                                              | 4423838    |
| 101/860/075CZ         | BLUSELECT 7.5, SUCTIONAID, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                               | 4386514    |
| 101/860/080CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.0, SUCTIONAID, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                               | 4386575    |
| 101/860/090CZ         | BLUSELECT 9.0, SUCTIONAID, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                               | 4310533    |
| 101/860/100CZ         | BLUSELECT 10.0, SUCTIONAID, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                              | 4412135    |
| 101/870/070CZ         | BLUSELECT 7.0, SUCTIONAID, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                               | 4283719    |
| 101/870/075CZ         | BLUSELECT 7.5, SUCTIONAID, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                               | 4382010    |
| 101/870/080CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.0, SUCTIONAID, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                               | 4319800    |
| 101/870/085CZ         | BLUSELECT 8.5, SUCTIONAID, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                               | 4376585    |
| 101/870/090CZ         | BLUSELECT 9.0, SUCTIONAID, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                               | 4303381    |
| 101/870/100CZ         | BLUSELECT 10.0, SUCTIONAID, CUFFED, NON-FEN                                                              | 4306010    |
| 101/893/070           | BLUgriggs® Percutaneous Dilation Procedural Kit with 7.0mm BLUselect® Suctionaid® Trach Tube, no forceps | 4005285    |