



# Medical Device Alert

MDA/2019/010

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Professional use monitor/defibrillator: LIFEPAK 15 – risk of device failure during patient treatment and possible failure to deliver therapy

## Summary

Manufactured by Stryker – potential for a lock-up condition where the device becomes non-responsive after a defibrillation shock has been delivered. Specific serial numbers are affected.

## Action

- Identify affected devices – see the manufacturer’s [Field Safety Notice](#).
- Ensure alternative devices are available or request a loan device from Stryker. If no alternatives are available, perform a local risk assessment.
- Follow actions recommended in the manufacturer’s [Field Safety Notice](#)
- Report adverse events involving these devices through your local incident reporting system and/or your national incident reporting authority as appropriate: [England](#), [Scotland](#), [Northern Ireland](#), [Wales](#). You should also report directly to manufacturers if your local or national systems do not.

### Action by

All medical, nursing and technical staff involved in the use and maintenance of these devices.

### Deadlines for actions

Actions underway: 27 February 2019

Actions complete: 06 March 2019

**Medical Device Safety Officers** (in England): ask the manufacturer to add you to their distribution list for field safety notices (FSNs). This is to help with reconciliation.

**Remember:** if your organisation receives an [FSN](#) from a manufacturer, always act on it. **Do not wait** for a communication from MHRA.

## Manufacturer contacts

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## Distribution

If you are responsible for cascading these alerts in your organisation, these are our suggested distribution lists.

- A&E consultants
- A&E departments
- A&E directors
- A&E nurses
- Adult intensive care units
- All departments
- All staff
- All wards
- Ambulance services directors
- Ambulance staff
- Anaesthesia, directors of
- Anaesthetic medical staff
- Anaesthetic nursing staff
- Anaesthetists
- Anti-coagulation clinics
- Audiology departments
- Biomedical engineering staff
- Biomedical science departments
- Cardiac laboratory technicians
- Cardiac pacing technicians
- Cardiologists
- Cardiology departments
- Cardiology nurses
- Cardiology, directors of
- Cardiothoracic departments
- Cardiothoracic surgeons
- Cardiothoracic surgery directors
- Chiropodists
- Clinical governance leads
- Clinical perfusionists
- Cochlear implant units, directors of
- Colposcopy departments
- Community children's nurses
- Community defibrillation officers
- Community dental practices
- Community diabetes specialist nurses
- Community hospitals
- Community midwives
- Community nurses

- Coronary care departments
- Coronary care nurses
- Day surgery units
- Dental departments
- Dental nurses
- Dentists
- Diabetes clinics/outpatients
- Diabetes nurse specialists
- Diabetes, directors of
- District nurses
- EBME departments
- Endocrinology units
- Endocrinology, directors of
- ENT departments
- ENT medical staff
- ENT services, directors of
- Equipment stores
- Equipment libraries and stores
- Fracture clinics
- Gastroenterology departments
- Gastroenterology, directors of
- Gastro-intestinal surgeons
- General surgeons
- General surgery
- General surgical units, directors of
- Gynaecologists
- Gynaecology departments
- Gynaecology nurses
- Haematologists
- Haemodialysis nurses
- Haemodialysis units
- Health and safety managers
- Hospital at home units
- Immunisation co-ordinators
- Infection control departments
- Infection control nurses
- Infection prevention and control directors
- In-house maintenance staff
- Intensive care medical staff/paediatrics
- Intensive care nursing staff (adult)
- Intensive care nursing staff (paediatric)
- Intensive care units
- Intensive care, directors of
- IV nurse specialists
- Maintenance staff
- Minor injury units
- Maternity units
- Maxillofacial departments
- Medical directors
- Medical libraries
- Medical oncologists
- Medical oncology, directors of
- Medical physics departments

- Midwifery departments
- Midwifery staff
- MRI units, directors of
- Neonatal nurse specialists
- Neonatology departments
- Neonatology directors
- NHS walk-in centres
- Nursing executive directors
- Obstetricians
- Obstetrics and gynaecology departments
- Obstetrics and gynaecology directors
- Obstetrics departments
- Obstetrics nurses
- Occupational health departments
- Occupational therapists
- Oncology nurse specialists
- Operating department practitioners
- Ophthalmic nurses
- Ophthalmologists
- Ophthalmology departments
- Ophthalmology, directors of
- Oral surgeons
- Orthopaedic surgeons
- Outpatient clinics
- Outpatient theatre managers
- Outpatient theatre nurses
- Paediatric intensive care units
- Paediatric medicine, directors of
- Paediatric nurse specialists
- Paediatric oncologists
- Paediatric surgeons
- Paediatric surgery, directors of
- Paediatric wards
- Paediatricians
- Paediatrics departments
- Palliative care teams
- Paramedics
- Patient transport managers
- Peritoneal dialysis units
- Physiotherapists
- Podiatrists
- Purchasing managers
- Radiation & medical oncology departments
- Radiation oncologists
- Radiation oncology, directors of
- Radiographer superintendents
- Radiographers
- Radiologists
- Radiology departments
- Radiology directors
- Rehabilitation engineers
- Renal medicine departments
- Renal medicine, directors of

- Resuscitation officers and trainers
- Risk managers
- School nurses
- Special care baby units
- Staff supporting patients receiving haemodialysis at home
- Supplies managers
- Theatre managers
- Theatre nurses
- Theatres
- Urological surgeons
- Urological surgery, directors of
- Urology departments
- Walk-in centres

### ***Independent distribution***

#### **Establishments registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) (England only)**

- Hospices
- Hospitals in the independent sector
- Independent treatment centres

Please note: CQC and OFSTED do not distribute these alerts. Independent healthcare providers and social care providers can sign up to receive MDAs directly from the Central Alerting System (CAS) by sending an email to: [safetyalerts@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:safetyalerts@mhra.gov.uk) and requesting this facility.

## **Enquiries**

### **England**

Send enquiries about this notice to MHRA, quoting reference number **MDA/2019/010** or **2019/002/004/291/012**

#### **Technical aspects**

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#### **Clinical aspects**

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To report an adverse incident involving a medical device in England use the [Yellow Card reporting page](#)

### **Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC), CMO Group, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Tel: 0208 9052 3868

Email: [niaic@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:niaic@health-ni.gov.uk)

To report an adverse incident involving a medical device in Northern Ireland use the [forms on the website](#).

Alerts in Northern Ireland are distributed via the [NICAS system](#).

**Scotland**

Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre (IRIC), Health Facilities Scotland, NHS National Services Scotland

Tel: 0131 275 7575

Email: [nss.irc@nhs.net](mailto:nss.irc@nhs.net)

To report an adverse incident involving a medical device in Scotland, [email IRIC](#) to request a webform account.

For more information, or if you can't access the webform, visit the website: [how to report an adverse incident](#)

**Wales**

Population Healthcare Division, Welsh Government

Tel: 03000 250986 / 03000 255510

Email: [haz-aic@wales.gov](mailto:haz-aic@wales.gov)

To report an adverse incident involving a medical device in Wales, use the [Yellow Card reporting page](#) and follow specific advice for reporting in Wales in [MDA/2004/054 \(Wales\)](#).

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