

4 December 2015

**URGENT MEDICAL DEVICE RECALL – R2015123**  
**Recall of Version 1, 3.1 & 3.2 of the PFN/PFNA Insertion Handle**

*Please distribute this information to appropriate personnel at your facility.*

Dear Sir/Madam,

Synthes GmbH is initiating a medical device recall of the below specified lots of Versions 1, 3.1 & 3.2 of the PFN/PFNA Insertion Handle. The PFN/PFNA Insertion Handle 357.012 is made to insert PFN/PFNA/PFNAIL/PFNA augmented nails.

Our records indicate that you may have inventory that is impacted by this recall.

| Part Description              | Part Number | Lot Number |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Insertion Handle for PFN/PFNA | 357.012     | 1001       | 1002    | 1006    | 1008    |
|                               |             | 1012       | 1015    | 1017    | 1019    |
|                               |             | 1001913    | 1007048 | 1008229 | 1008230 |
|                               |             | 1009094    | 1015569 | 1015849 | 1018861 |
|                               |             | 1021038    | 1021039 | 1021040 | 1021041 |
|                               |             | 1021044    | 1021045 | 1021046 | 1021051 |
|                               |             | 1021047    | 1021048 | 1021050 | 1041119 |
|                               |             | 1037978    | 1041117 | 1041118 | 1041123 |
|                               |             | 1041120    | 1041121 | 1041122 | 1041334 |
|                               |             | 1041124    | 1041125 | 1041333 | 1860401 |
|                               |             | 1041868    | 1041888 | 1811954 | 1911588 |
|                               |             | 1860402    | 1860810 | 1893461 | 1955322 |
|                               |             | 1920902    | 1920904 | 1939597 | 3007222 |
|                               |             | 1959882    | 1998944 | 1998945 | 3024229 |
|                               |             | 3007243    | 3007247 | 3024228 | 3086983 |
|                               |             | 3061690    | 3073276 | 3079047 | 3094722 |
|                               |             | 3087336    | 3087338 | 3087493 | 3115143 |
|                               |             | 3104468    | 3115140 | 3115141 | 3167215 |
|                               |             | 3167210    | 3167213 | 3167214 | 3204088 |
|                               |             | 3167216    | 3167218 | 3173563 | N2002   |
|                               |             | 3215818    | 3220493 | N2001   | N2006   |
|                               |             | N2003      | N2004   | N2005   | 2002    |
|                               |             | 2003       | 2004    | 2005    | 2006    |

**Reason for the Recall**

The insertion handle may break when struck with a hammer during the nail insertion process.



Pictures: Example of broken Insertion Handles 357.012

### **Potential hazard**

The surgeon would likely immediately notice a breakage of the insertion handle and a surgical delay would likely occur as the surgeon disassembles the insertion handle and a replacement is located within the surgical suite. The parts would likely need to be dismantled and re-assembled if a replacement is available. In the event that a replacement handle cannot be located, the nail would likely be exchanged for another proximal femoral nail. The degree of surgical delay would be affected by the point in the surgical procedure when the break occurs i.e. if the nail has been fully inserted or not. In addition, depending on the availability of alternative parts, a worst case scenario would result in cancellation and re-scheduling of surgery.

The handle is made from a composite carbon fiber epoxy laminate with stainless steel inserts, the materials are non-implant grade. Thus, any fragment left in the patient may result in an Adverse Tissue Reaction. However, the operative site would be likely be irrigated with copious amounts of irrigant and suctioned to reduce the foreign debris.

### **Customer immediate actions:**

Please verify whether you have any of the affected products and take the actions listed below, as appropriate. If any of the affected products has been forwarded to another facility, contact that facility to arrange return and provide them with this letter.

If you **DO HAVE** any of the identified affected product please take the following steps:

- Ensure anyone in your facility impacted by this notification reads this letter carefully.
- Immediately identify and quarantine all products listed above in a manner that ensures the affected products will not be used.
- Keep a copy of this communication with any affected product(s) identified above.
- Complete the Verification Section (page 4 & 5 of this letter) by checking the appropriate box indicating affected product has been located. Also, please indicate the number of devices found and their Lot Number. Please include your name, title, address, telephone number and signature in the spaces provided.

- Return the completed Verification Section to your local DePuy Synthes contact person.
- Contact your local DePuy Synthes sales organisation to arrange the return of the affected devices and for a free of charge replacement.

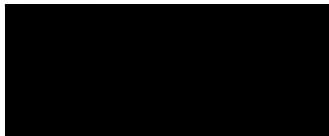
If you **DO NOT HAVE** any of the identified affected product(s), please take the following steps:

- Complete the attached Verification Section (page 4 & 5 of this letter) by checking the appropriate box indicating that no affected product has been located. Please include your name, title, address, telephone number and signature in the spaces provided. This return documentation acknowledges your receipt of medical device recall information.
- Return the completed Verification Section to your local DePuy Synthes contact person.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this product recall may create and appreciate your cooperation with our request. Should you have any inquiries please do not hesitate to contact your DePuy Synthes sales consultant or contact person.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Please check (✓) accordingly:

- ☐ We acknowledge receipt of this information, but do not have any identified product in stock; returned quantity is zero.
- ☐ We have located the identified product in stock; returned quantity is documented below.

| Product Code | Lot Number | Quantity (Number in "Eaches") |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------------|
|              |            |                               |
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**Please sign, date and stamp below.** Your signature provides confirmation that you have received and understood this notification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature & Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stamp (*Stamp shall bear facility name*)

Please complete this Verification Section and return to your Depuy Synthes representative or fax it to +65 6720 0750 within **(5) five business days** of receipt of the Field Safety Notice.