

March 28, 2018

**To:** Risk Managers and Surgeons

**Subject:** **URGENT MEDICAL DEVICE RECALL – Lot Specific**

**Affected Product: Gentle Threads Interference Screw**



Part number	Lot Number	Distribution
905617	207910	International
905604	326860	International
905604	326880	International
905605	326900	International
905607	326920	International
905608	326960	US & International
905615	326980	US & International
905615	371540	US & International

Zimmer Biomet is conducting a medical device recall for specific lots of the Gentle Threads Interference Screws due to overexposure during EtO sterilization. No adverse events have been reported. This recall is being initiated to recover any units from the above-referenced production lots that are available for return.

Risks		
Describe immediate health consequences (injuries or illness) that may result from use of or exposure to the product issue.	Most Probable	Highest Severity
	None	None
Describe long range health consequences (injuries or illness) that may result from use of or exposure to the product issue.	Most Probable	Highest Severity
	None	Revision due to infection from loss of sterile barrier during over-exposure cycle.

Our records indicate that you may have received one or more of the affected products. The affected units were distributed between February 2015 and August 2017.

### Risk Manager Responsibilities:

1. Review this notification and ensure that affected personnel are aware of the contents.
2. If you have affected product at your facility, assist your Zimmer Biomet sales representative and quarantine all affected product. Your Zimmer Biomet sales representative will remove the affected product from your facility.
3. Complete **Attachment 1 – Certificate of Acknowledgement** and send to [CorporateQuality.PostMarket@zimmerbiomet.com](mailto:CorporateQuality.PostMarket@zimmerbiomet.com). This form must be returned even if you do not have affected products at your facility.
4. Retain a copy of the acknowledgement form with your recall records in the event of a compliance audit of your facility's documentation.
5. If you have further questions or concerns after reviewing this notice, please call customer service at 574-371-3071 between 8:00 am and 5:00pm EST, Monday through Friday. Calls received outside of call center operating hours will receive a voicemail prompt or be transferred to an on-call representative in the event of an emergency. Alternatively, your questions may be emailed to [CorporateQuality.PostMarket@zimmerbiomet.com](mailto:CorporateQuality.PostMarket@zimmerbiomet.com).

### Surgeon Responsibilities:

1. Review this notification for awareness of the contents.
2. There are no specific patient monitoring instructions related to this recall that are recommended beyond your existing follow-up schedule.
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### Other Information

This medical device recall was reported to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and will be reported to other Competent Authorities, Notified Bodies, and Regulatory Authorities as required.

- Med Watch Reporting: Adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of this product may be reported to the FDA's Med Watch Adverse Event Reporting program either online, by mail, or by fax.
- Online: [www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm)
- Mail: Use postage paid, pre-addressed form FDA 3500, available at: [www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm)
- Fax: 1-800-FDA-0178

Under 21 CFR 803, manufacturers are also required to report any serious injuries where a product has contributed or may have contributed to the event. Please keep Zimmer Biomet informed of any



adverse events associated with this product or any other Zimmer Biomet product by emailing [product.experience@zimmerbiomet.com](mailto:product.experience@zimmerbiomet.com).

Thank you for your assistance. We regret any inconvenience caused by this recall.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Kevin W. Escapule.

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Kevin W. Escapule  
Post Market Surveillance & Regulatory Compliance Director



## ATTACHMENT 1

### Certificate of Acknowledgement

#### **IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUIRED – TIME SENSITIVE ACTION NEEDED**

Affected Product: Gentle Threads Interference Screw      Field Action Reference: 2018-00088

**Do you have affected product in your facility?**

- ☐ **Yes**, we currently have one or more affected items in our facility.
- ☐ **No**, we currently have no affected items in our facility.

By signing below, I acknowledge that the required actions have been taken in accordance with this recall notice.

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Facility Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** This form must be returned to Zimmer Biomet before this action is closed for your account. It is important that you complete this form and email a copy to [CorporateQuality.PostMarket@zimmerbiomet.com](mailto:CorporateQuality.PostMarket@zimmerbiomet.com) or fax to 574-372-4265.