



## FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

18 April 2018

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IDS REFERENCE:		2018-009	
SUBJECT: Portex Thoracic Catheter and Connecting Tube (Packaging Seal)			
FOR THE ATTENTION OF: Chairman Medical Board (CMB), BME, Nursing and Medical staff using these devices in the various departments and the relevant Head of Departments.			
DEVICE :		Portex Thoracic Catheter and Connecting Tube	
PRODUCT CODE / BATCH NO.:	Description	Identifier	Batch Number
	Connecting Tube	800/002/067	3206707, 3228640, 3236592, 3248922, 3300060, 3321419, 3307225
	Thoracic Catheter	200/812/160	3324554
	Thoracic Catheter	200/812/200	3220281, 3224051
	Thoracic Catheter	200/812/240	3211879, 3316279, 3343137, 3324552
	Thoracic Catheter	200/812/280	3215823, 3224052, 3229350, 3316278, 3316281, 3321468, 3324557, 3324559, 3335975, 3340753
	Thoracic Catheter	200/812/320	3224055, 3232336, 3249019, 3256826, 3307297, 3316283, 3335976, 3343138, 3335978
	Thoracic Catheter	200/812/360	3228664, 3232329, 3245495, 3316284, 3335977
PROBLEM:		Smiths Medical has initiated a voluntary field action of certain Portex Thoracic Catheters and Connecting Tubes due to a potential for the package seal to be compromised, and therefore compromising sterility.	
ACTION TO BE TAKEN:		Our records show that you have purchased the affected product(s) and we request that you read through the letter for more detailed information. <div><div>1)</div>Inspect your inventory for the affected product(s) listed in the acknowledgment form and quarantine the affected product(s).</div> <div><div>2)</div>Complete and return the acknowledgment form with quantity of the unused affected product(s). Upon receipt of the completed form, an IDS Medical representative shall arrange and collect the affected product(s).</div>	

We apologize for any inconvenience caused due to this notice. Meanwhile, should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Valerie Lee @ +65 9682 8220

Thank you.

With regards,  
Kenneth Ow  
Regulatory Specialist  
IDS Medical Systems (Singapore) Pte Ltd  
Email: kennethow@idsmed.com



**IDS Reference:** 2018-009  
**Device:** Portex Thoracic Catheter and Connecting Tube  
**Subject:** Packaging Seal

I acknowledge receipt of this letter dated **18 April 2018**.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms Valerie Lee @ +65 9682 8220.

Customer Name:			
Department:			
Address:			
Name:		Tel:	
Designation:			
Signature:		Company Stamp:	

<b>Check the applicable boxes below:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I <b>DO NOT</b> have affected <b>Portex Thoracic Catheter remaining</b> . All have been used or discarded.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I <b>DO</b> have unused inventory of affected Portex Thoracic Catheter, which I will return for replacement.

Model	Batch Number	Quantity to be Returned (UOM)

**\* Please fax this acknowledgement to IDS Medical Systems at 66907380 or email to [kennethow@idsmed.com](mailto:kennethow@idsmed.com).**

If there is any discrepancy in the above list, please advise us of the changes.

Thank you.

**URGENT MEDICAL DEVICE FIELD ACTION NOTICE**

**Portex® Thoracic Catheter and Connecting Tube  
(Packaging Seal)**

**Type of Action:** Removal

**Date:** April 18, 2018

**Attention:** Clinicians who oversee the use of the Thoracic Catheter

**Affected devices:** Please see Table 1 for a list of affected devices

**Table 1**

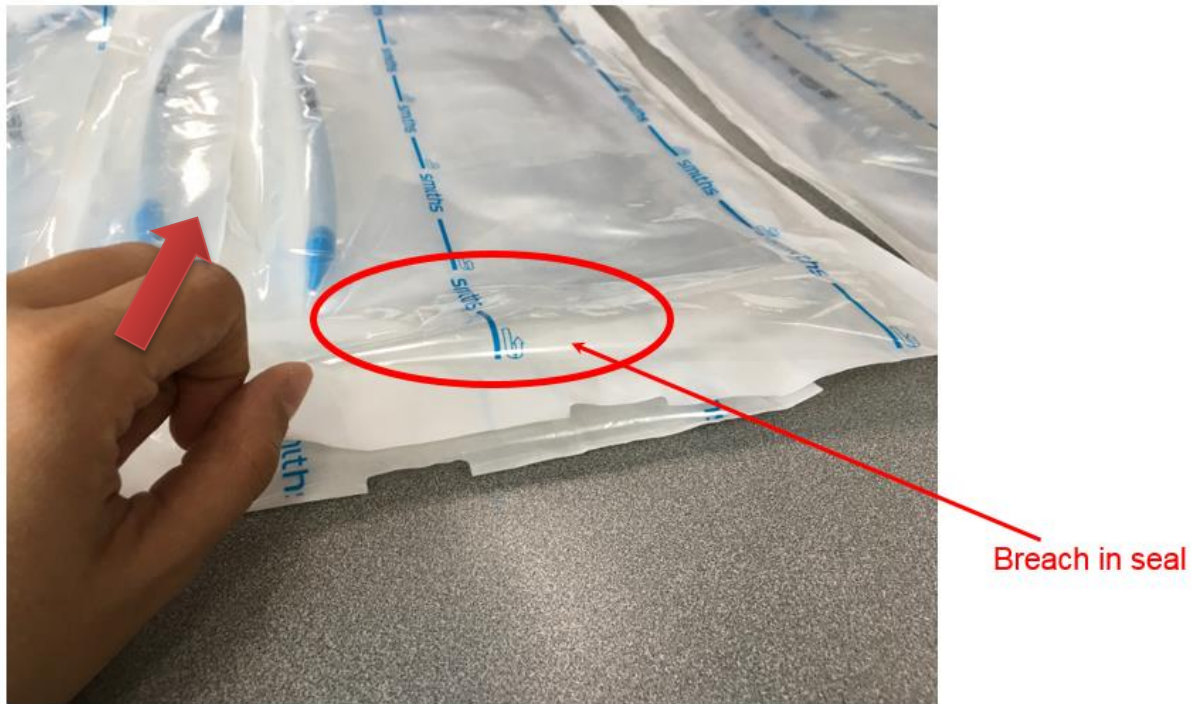
Device Name	Model #	Lot Number
CONNECTING TUBE ID 7.0MM 10/CA	800/002/067	3206707, 3228640, 3236592, 3248922, 3300060, 3321419, 3307225
THORACIC CATHETER 16F ANGLED SOFT, ADULT CONNECTOR, 10/CA	200/812/160	3324554
THORACIC CATHETER 20F ANGLED SOFT, ADULT CONNECTOR, 10/CA	200/812/200	3220281, 3224051
THORACIC CATHETER 24F ANGLED SOFT, ADULT CONNECTOR, 10/CA	200/812/240	3211879, 3316279, 3343137, 3324552
THORACIC CATHETER 28F ANGLED SOFT, ADULT CONNECTOR, 10/CA	200/812/280	3215823, 3224052, 3229350, 3316278, 3316281, 3321468, 3324557, 3324559, 3335975, 3340753
THORACIC CATHETER 32F ANGLED SOFT, ADULT CONNECTOR, 10/CA	200/812/320	3224055, 3232336, 3249019, 3256826, 3307297, 3316283, 3335976, 3343138, 3335978
THORACIC CATHETER 36F ANGLED SOFT, ADULT CONNECTOR, 10/CA	200/812/360	3228664, 3232329, 3245495, 3316284, 3335977

Dear Valued Customer,

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that Smiths Medical has initiated a voluntary field action of certain Portex® Thoracic Catheters and Connecting Tubes due to a potential for the package seal to be compromised, and therefore compromising sterility.

The Portex® Thoracic Catheter is intended to facilitate pleural, medicinal, or pericardial drainage following cardiothoracic or thoracic surgery.

**REASON FOR FIELD ACTION:**



*Example 1 – Package with a breach in the seal for Portex® Thoracic Catheter*

Smiths Medical became aware of a potential breach in the seal of the package (see Example 1) on certain packaging lots. These packages were used in the manufacturing of certain Portex® Thoracic Catheters and Connecting Tubes.

This field action is being performed with the knowledge of the appropriate regulatory authorities.

**RISK TO HEALTH:**

If a compromised packaging seal is not identified prior to use, infection and/or the introduction of particulates into the thoracic cavity may possibly occur.

**Smiths Medical has not received any reports of deaths or serious injuries related to the packaging seal issue.**