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Westmeath, Ireland

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## URGENT – FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

Type of Action	Recall
Teleflex Reference	EIF-000361
Commercial Name	<b>Sheridan Close Fitting Endotracheal Tube</b> <b>Sheridan Endotracheal Tube</b> <b>Sheridan HVT Endotracheal Tube</b> <b>Sheridan HVT EZ-Endo Endotracheal Tube</b> <b>Sheridan Preformed Endotracheal Tube</b> <b>Sheridan Uncuffed Endotracheal Tube</b>
Product Code/Lot Number	See Appendix 2 for a list of product codes and lots in scope

Dear Customer,  
Teleflex Medical has voluntarily issued a recall for the product codes and lot numbers listed above.

### Description of the problem & immediate actions required

This voluntary recall is due to reported complaints (<0.0025% of all in scope distributed product, 192 incidents) indicating that there is an increased incidence of specific lots (see appendix 2) of the 15 mm Sheridan connector becoming disconnected from the Endotracheal tube. The immediate consequence for patients is disconnection from the breathing circuit, which may result in insufficient oxygenation, requiring medical intervention. Two deaths and one injury have been reported in association with the ETT disconnection. In these cases, a decision was made to extubate and reintubate the patient. While initially successful, the patients expired in the presence of subsequent reintubation attempts and other unrelated co-morbidities. In most reported cases, detachment of the connector was identified by clinical personnel or via eventual decrease in ventilator circuit pressure which triggered ventilator alarms.

For product in situ, Teleflex advise clinical staff to ensure the 15 mm connector is seated firmly in the Endotracheal tube to prevent disconnection during use per the instructions in the IFU. Should disconnection occur, reconnect the two components promptly and securely in the manner described in the IFU or clinical staff may consider replacing the connector, making sure to evaluate the risks associated with reintubation.

Our records indicate you have received products that are subject to this recall.

Depending on your device location please adhere to the following Action list:

Device location	Action List Number
Medical facilities	1
Distributors	2

**Action list number 1 – Medical facilities**

1. We request that you check your inventory for product within the scope of this FSCA. Users should cease use and distribution of impacted product and quarantine immediately.
2. If you do have stock in scope of this FSCA, mark the according checkbox on the Acknowledgement Form (Appendix 1) and contact customer service by calling the phone number mentioned below. Customer service will issue you with a return number. Write the return number into the respective field in the Acknowledgement Form and return this form immediately to Customer Service.
3. If you do not have stock in scope of this FSCA mark the according checkbox on the Acknowledgement Form (Appendix 1) and return the form to the fax number or e-Mail address mentioned below.
4. Teleflex (or your local dealer) will issue a credit note upon receipt of the returned affected product.

**Action list number 2 – Distributors**

1. Provide this field safety notice to all customers who have received product in scope of this FSCA. Your customer is then required to complete the acknowledgement form and return to you.
2. We request that you check your inventory for product within the scope of this FSCA. Cease use and distribution of impacted product and quarantine immediately. You may then return all product in scope to Teleflex.
3. As a distributor, you are then required to confirm to Teleflex that you have completed the field activity outlined above. Upon completion of your actions, please forward the completed Acknowledgement Form to Customer Service.
4. Please be aware that all European Economic Area/Switzerland (EEA/CH) and Turkey Member State Competent Authorities in which Teleflex distribute directly will be notified by Teleflex.
5. If you have further distributed product outside of your country, please notify Teleflex by return email to the e-Mail address below.
6. If you are a distributor and/or have a reporting responsibility within or outside the EEA/CH/TR region, please notify your local Competent Authority of this action. Please forward the notification and all communication with your local competent authority to Teleflex.

**Teleflex**

Teleflex informs all customers, employees of Teleflex and distributors of this Field Safety Corrective Action.

**Transmission of this Field Safety Notice**

This notice should be passed on to all persons who need to be aware within your organisation or to any organisation where the potentially affected devices have been transferred and cc: Chairman Medical Board and relevant Head of Departments.

Please consider end users, clinicians, risk managers, supply chain/distribution centres etc. in the circulation of this notice. Maintain awareness of this notice until all required actions have been completed in your organisation.



**Contact reference person**

Should you require any further information or support concerning this issue, please contact:

**Contact:** Victor Tan

**Telephone:** +65 6439 3123

**Email:** victor.tan@teleflex.com

Please be advised that all Economic Area/Switzerland (EEA/CH) and Turkey Member State Competent Authorities to which Teleflex distribute directly will be notified by Teleflex. Teleflex is committed to providing high quality, safe and effective products. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this action may cause your operations. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact your local sales representative or Customer Service.

***For and on behalf of Teleflex,***



**Padraig Hegarty VP, QA (Manufacturing)**

Appendix 1

Customer No  
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**FIELD SAFETY CORRECTIVE ACTION**  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

**PRODUCT FIELD ACTION BY TELEFLEX – IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED**

Ref. EIF-000361

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM IMMEDIATELY TO:**

**FAX:** +353 0 14370773

**Email:** recalls.intl@teleflex.com

<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm receipt of this FSN and have completed the required actions contained therein. We confirm that our inventory does <b>NOT</b> include products affected by this Field Action.	<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm receipt of this FSN and have completed the required actions contained therein. We confirm our inventory <b>DOES</b> include products affected by this Field Action. The use and further distribution of the affected products is stopped. All products are put on hold and the amount below will be returned. <b>Return Authorisation No:</b> _____
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**PLEASE PRINT PRODUCT QUANTITY NUMBERS CLEARLY**

PRODUCT NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	QUANTITY (Returning)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include a copy of the <b>completed Acknowledgement Form</b> in the returns package with the returned units</li> <li>• Ensure the <b>RAN number</b> is <b>clearly visible</b> on the returns package</li> <li>• Please label returns as <b>"Field Safety Returns"</b></li> </ul>		

**Complete this Acknowledgement form and return immediately by using fax number or e-Mail address above.**

<b>INSTITUTION NAME (EG NAME OF HOSPITAL, HEALTH CARE ORGANISATION)</b>	
<b>INSITUITION ADDRESS</b>	<b>Phone/FAX</b>
<b>FORM COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Stamp</b>
<b>PRINT NAME:</b> _____	

SIGNATURE: _____	
DATE	