

# Notice Information: Medical Devices - Warning 05 September 2006

### Part 1. Product Information

a)	Title:	Avantgarde Wheelchair
b)	Product Name/Type:	Avantgarde Wheelchair
c)	Reference:	SN2006(06)
d)	Manufacturer/Supplier:	Otto Bock

## Part 2. Target Audience

a) Target Audience: Occupational Therapists; Physiotherapists; Public Health Nurses; Risk

Managers; Nursing Home Managers

#### Part 3. Problem/Issue

a) Problem/Issue: Replacement of rear wheel camber washers on Avantgarde wheelchairs.

#### Part 4. Background Information

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It was brought to the attention of the Irish Medicines Board (IMB), that camber washers on a number of wheelchairs with serial numbers below 45590 (distributed between April 2003 and October 2004) were replaced by the distributor Medifix Services Limited, leading the manufacturer Otto Bock to identify an issue with these washers. manufacturer has stated that at no time can the rear wheel come off the chair should a camber washer fail but the user would be aware of movement within the rear wheel mounting. The manufacturer also states that there are parts of their products that will wear over time. These should be evident during annual maintenance inspections. The manufacturer advises that all Avantgarde wheelchairs are serviced regularly as per the manufacturer's guidelines, annually for the average user and more frequently for heavier users. Distributors in Ireland are Medifix Services Limited or Lifestyle Mobility, the latter has not distributed any Avantgarde wheelchairs.

#### Part 5. Action to be taken

a) Action to be taken:

The following actions should be taken: Ensure that prescribers / repair agents are made aware of this notice. Ensure that users of these devices are reminded of the importance of annual maintenance or service intervals.

## Part 6. Enquiries

a) All enquiries should be made to:

All adverse incidents relating to a medical device should be reported to the: Irish Medicines Board Medical Devices Department Kevin O'Malley House Earlsfort Centre Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2 If you have any enquiries, you may contact the Medical Devices Department at: Telephone: +353-1-6764971 Fax: +353-1-6344033 Email: medicaldevices@imb.ie Website: www.imb.ie SN2006(06): Avantgarde Wheelchair

## Part 7. Keywords

a) Keywords: Avantgarde Wheelchair