

Letter for healthcare professionals

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June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

Cardiac Surgery Mycobacterium Risks  
Disinfection and Cleaning of Sorin Heater Cooler Devices; Additional Action with Respect to

### Lilliput Pediatric Oxygenator Mounting Brackets

Dear LivaNova Customer,

On June 15, 2015, Sorin Group Deutschland GmbH<sup>1</sup> (SGD) issued a Field Safety Notice (re-issued on August 6, 2015) regarding "Cardiac Surgery Mycobacterium Risks; Disinfection and Cleaning of Sorin Heater Cooler Devices" (attached) to mitigate a potential risk of patient infection by non-tuberculous mycobacteria released from the Heater-cooler 3T.

Sorin Group Italia srl (SGI) is taking an action consistent with the instructions provided in the Step 1 of the Field Safety Notice (FSN) issued by SGD ("*Replace, sterilize and/ or disinfect any accessories and products that are used in conjunction with the heater cooler device ...*") by replacing certain oxygenator mounting brackets that are currently being used with the Heater-Cooler 3T as they could be a source of re-contamination of a clean Heater-Cooler 3T's water circuit.

Specifically, the Oxygenator mounting brackets subject to this action include tubing that connects the Heater-Cooler 3T water circuit to the Oxygenator. This tubing is not subjected to disinfection per the IFU. Therefore, if the Heater-Cooler 3T user failed to clean and disinfect the Heater-Cooler 3T resulting in contamination of the Heater-Cooler 3T and at some point later used Oxygenator mounting bracket, the water from the contaminated Heater-Cooler 3T could cross-contaminate the Oxygenator mounting bracket's internal tubing in which biofilm could develop. If a non-contaminated Heater-Cooler 3T was later connected to an Oxygenator mounting bracket that had been previously cross contaminated, the Oxygenator mounting bracket could contaminate the clean Heater-Cooler 3T.

To mitigate this hazard, SGI is removing these affected Oxygenator mounting bracket models from the marketplace, replacing them with new brackets of the same model and providing new Instructions For Use including the procedure that shall be periodically applied for the effective disinfection of the water path. The oxygenator mounting brackets that are being exchanged are listed in the table below :

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Affected Oxygenator Brackets	D625 Lilliput open system bracket (#05049)
	D623 Lilliput Holder (#05061)

Our records show that you are in receipt of an affected Oxygenator mounting bracket(s). Therefore, please acknowledge receipt of this letter by completing the attached Customer Response Form and return no later than July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Based on the information provided in the Customer Response Form, a LivaNova sales representative will contact you with information on how to disposition the affected Oxygenator bracket and receive a new bracket. The existing brackets can be used until a replacement can be delivered.**

There is no cost to you associated with this service. If you need support for the execution of these actions, please contact your LivaNova sales representative.

Please assure this notice is communicated to all those who need to be aware within your organization. In case you have transferred the affected Oxygenator mounting bracket(s) to a third party, please indicate so on the Customer Response Form.

LivaNova provided the Local Competent Authorities with a copy of this communication to make them aware of this action.

For questions regarding this Field Safety Notice, please contact your LivaNova sales representative, or [customerQA.sqi@livanova.com](mailto:customerQA.sqi@livanova.com) or send a fax at +39 (0)535 25229.

LivaNova is committed to provide quality products and service to its customers and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Best regards,



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Affected Oxygenator Brackets	Qty of brackets presently in use at our location TO BE REPLACED
D625 Lilliput open system bracket (#05049)	
D623 Lilliput Holder (#05061)	

Please, specify below how many of each Oxygenator Mounting Bracket(s) **are present but not anymore in use** at your location. These shall be returned to LivaNova or scrapped locally.

Affected Oxygenator Brackets	Qty of brackets NOT IN USE to be returned or scrapped
D625 Lilliput open system bracket (#05049)	
D623 Lilliput Holder (#05061)	

TABLE 1

I declare that units not in use at my location as reported in table 1:

- have been destroyed/discarded in accordance with the local procedure
- will be returned to LivaNova

Please indicate your name and job title, date and sign here below

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Thank you for your cooperation in completing this Customer Response Form.  
Please return to your LivaNova sales representative **no later than July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**



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Customer Response Form

URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

Cardiac Surgery Mycobacterium Risks; Disinfection and Cleaning of Sorin Heater Cooler Devices Exchange of Oxygenator mounting brackets

Pediatric Oxygenator Mounting Brackets

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

According to our records, you received one or more of the below affected Oxygenator mounting bracket(s).

Table with 2 columns: Affected Oxygenator Brackets, D625 Lilliput open system bracket (#05049), D623 Lilliput Holder (#05061)

I have received, read and understood the cover letter "Cardiac Surgery Mycobacterium Risks Disinfection and Cleaning of Sorin Heater Cooler Devices; Additional Action with Respect to Pediatric Oxygenator Mounting Brackets" dated June 15th, 2016

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If "no" was indicated in the statement above, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

We have one or more of the above listed affected Oxygenator Mounting Bracket(s) at our location.

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If "yes" was indicated in the statement above, please specify below how many of each Oxygenator Mounting Bracket(s) are still in use at your location.