IRISH MEDICINES BOARD
SAFETY NOTICE

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Mobile Patient Lifts - Uno, Viking S, Viking XS, LikoLight

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MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER
Hill-Rom (previously known as Liko)

TARGET GROUPS
Hospital CEOs
Risk Managers
Loan Store Managers
Community Care Managers
Community Therapists
Health Visitors
Carers
Children's Disability Services
Educational Establishments

ISSUE
Hill-Rom is aware that a number of mobile patient lifts on the Irish market may not yet have received an 'Outer Tube' accessory, which will prevent the actuator from collapsing in the event that it should malfunction.

BACKGROUND
Hill-Rom has received a number of reports of actuator failures. As a result, Hill-Rom initiated a field safety corrective action, fitting all affected lifts in use on the market with an 'Outer Tube' accessory, to prevent the actuator from collapsing in the event that it should malfunction.

There are approximately 131 mobile patient lifts on the Irish market, which have not received the 'Outer Tube' accessory. The affected products and serial numbers (sequential) for this action are, as follows:

Uno 100 EM/EE: s/n 7090001 - 7096199
Viking S: s/n 7300301 - 7301299
Uno 101: s/n 10001 - 11000
Viking XS: s/n 7400301 - 7400749
Uno 102: s/n 20001 - 21300
LikoLight: s/n 2500001 - 2505899
Uno 102 EM/EE/ES: s/n 30001 - 48099

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ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS

Hill-Rom has been unsuccessful in their attempts to date to locate all devices in Ireland affected by this field safety corrective action.

The IMB advises that users:

1. Ensure the appropriate personnel are made aware of this notice.
2. Identify the location of all affected mobile patient lifts.
3. Determine if you / your institution have medical devices affected by this issue.
4. If you / your institution have affected medical devices, follow the manufacturer's recommendations as outlined in the attached field safety notice and ensure that corrective action is completed on all affected medical devices.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries to the manufacturer should be addressed to:

UK Customer Care
Hill-Rom UK
Clinitron House
Ashby Park
Ashby da la Zouch
Leicestershire LE65 1JG
United Kingdom

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All adverse incidents relating to a medical device should be reported to the:

Irish Medicines Board
Kevin O'Malley House
Earlsfort Centre
Earlsfort Terrace
Dublin 2

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