



Subject: Consistent Conduction Block

Dear Colleague:

As a surgeon who has performed surgical ablation, I share your appreciation for achieving true conduction block, not just transmural, during surgical ablation cases. Some dry RF and cryo systems claim transmural but may not consistently achieve true conduction block. Medtronic's Cardioblate® Irrigated RF System provides transmural and true conduction block. This is essential for your patients and your practice.

I am pleased to announce that the following claims, which provide increased confidence in the Cardioblate System, are now included in our labeling, which is being updated as a result of a recent 510(k) clearance:

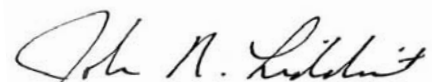
- **The Cardioblate® Irrigated RF Surgical Ablation System consistently achieves conduction block in cardiac tissue.**
- **The Cardioblate System consistently creates transmural lesions in cardiac tissue.**

You require consistent conduction block from a surgical ablation system. With nearly 90,000 cases completed worldwide, you can be confident that this is what the Cardioblate System delivers. If you are using a dry RF or cryo system, contact a Medtronic Representative for a demonstration of how we can help you achieve consistent conduction block for your surgical ablation cases. Or if you prefer, return the enclosed business reply card for more information.

The Cardioblate System is an important component of Medtronic's Structural Heart Disease business. In addition to our irrigated surgical ablation devices, we offer a unique product portfolio that includes heart valves and CABG technologies, all designed to address a broad range of structural heart conditions.

Our goal is to provide unmatched technologies and support to enable compelling solutions for structural heart disease. As such, we are steadfast in our commitment to collaborating with you for superior patient outcomes and practice excellence. We look forward to partnering with you to achieve our shared mission to alleviate pain, restore health and extend life for people with structural heart disease.

Sincerely,


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