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## **URGENT - PRODUCT DEFECT CORRECTION**

### **Becker and Exacta External Drainage and Monitoring Systems**

#### **Potential for Stopcock Cracking and Leaking**

**TGA Reference: RC-2024-RN-00982-1**

**ARTG: 145333 & 121852**

**Refer to Appendix A for a list of affected products**

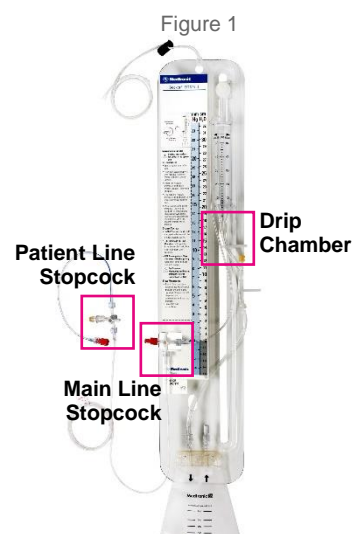
Dear Healthcare Professional/ Risk Manager,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of an Urgent Product Defect Correction related to the Becker and Exacta external drainage and monitoring systems (EDMS). Specifically, there is the potential for cracking and leaking in the "stopcock" component on Becker and Exacta EDMS. Included in this notification are steps that can be taken to mitigate the problem. At this time, all lots of the products listed in Appendix A, with remaining shelf life, are impacted. Medtronic will issue a follow-up notification when updated or alternative product is available.

#### **Problem Description:**

Medtronic has received customer complaints reporting cracks and/or leaks on the stopcock of Becker and Exacta EDMS devices. On these devices, the stopcocks may be in three different locations in the EDMS, depending on the specific system configuration (see Figure 1 for an example Becker system).

Cracks or leaks of the stopcock can compromise line integrity and, as a result, present a potential for infection. Globally, three (3) adverse events associated with patient infection have been reported.



## **Recommended Mitigations<sup>1</sup>:**

- Prior to use, inspect all stopcocks and connections to ensure that connections are secure and that there are no visible cracks in the stopcocks. If cracks or leaks are identified, do not use the device and return it to Medtronic.
- The system must be pre-filled with sterile isotonic saline solution prior to connecting to the patient.
- Check all connections to ensure that fittings (connections) are tight and leak-free.
- All connections should be finger tightened. Over tightening can cause cracks and leaks to occur.
- After cleaning with alcohol, or a disinfectant containing alcohol, allow to air dry completely prior to connecting the system.

## **Patient Management Recommendations:**

- If the system develops cracks or leaks during use, replace it using sterile technique and return the damaged system to Medtronic. If the leak occurs with the Patient Line Stopcock (see Figure 1), consider application of a haemostat or other clamp to the proximal patient line while coordinating a replacement if occlusion of the patient line does not create a risk to the patient.
- As stated in the product labelling, all patients with EDMS should be monitored for evidence of infection. If a system is found to have cracks or leaks, the system should be replaced, and the patient should continue to be monitored for evidence of infection.

## **Required Actions:**

Please complete and return the enclosed customer confirmation form to acknowledge that you have read and understood this letter. Please place a copy of this notification near impacted product as a reminder of the problem and recommended mitigating actions. Retain a copy of this letter and completed response form for your records.

If you choose to return unused product, please reach out to your local Medtronic representative to return products and to receive a credit on any unused products.

## **Additional Information**

Medtronic is working to address the potential for stopcock cracking and leaking. A follow-up notification will be issued when Medtronic is able to replace any unused Becker and Exacta products. Medtronic is initiating this action in consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

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<sup>1</sup> The mitigations described are consistent with the instructions for use (IFU) for Becker and Exacta. Please refer to the IFU for full details.

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## Local contact details

We are committed to patient safety and welcome any questions you may have regarding this communication. Please do not hesitate to contact Melita Chagas on 0406661595, or [melita.chagas@medtronic.com](mailto:melita.chagas@medtronic.com).

Sincerely,



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## Appendix A Product Scope:

Product Names	Medtronic Product Number (REF)	GTIN
KIT 26040 BECKER EDMS II	26040	00763000333447
KIT 26040 BECKER EDMS II	26040	00763000406066
EDM 27636 EXACTA W/BRAIDED CORD LOCK	27636	00763000333492
EDM 27666 EXCTA W GLUE STPCK GR PT LN	27666	00763000333515
EDMS 27702 EURO BECKER II GR PT LN	27702	00763000333553
EDMS 27702 EURO BECKER II GR PT LN	27702	00763000467326
EDM 27732 EXACTA W/NDL-LS INJ. ST W/CAP	27732	00763000333560
EDMS 27779 BECKER BC NDLESS BOND CONN	27779	00763000333591
EDMS 27779 BECKER BC NDLESS BOND CONN	27779	00763000529345
EDMS 27785 EXACTA 50ML BC NDLESS INJ	27785	00763000333607
EDMS 46128 BECKER II BLUE PT LN	46128	00763000333676
EDMS 46128 BECKER II BLUE PT LN	46128	00763000406073
EDMS 46129 EURO BECKER II BLUE PT LN	46129	00763000333683
EDMS 46129 EURO BECKER II BLUE PT LN	46129	00763000431259
SYSTEM 46700 EXACTA DISP. DRAINAGE	46700	00763000333690
SYSTEM 46705 EXACTA DRAINAGE 100ML	46705	00763000333706

Note: Kitted products may possess two CFNs, and the contents of the outer carton might have been removed and stored independently in the hospital inventory. The table above contains all CFNs (both outer carton and inner tray). Even if product is removed and stored outside of the outer carton, the listing above is inclusive of all impacted EDMS CFNs.

Below is an example of outer carton and inner tray labelling configurations:

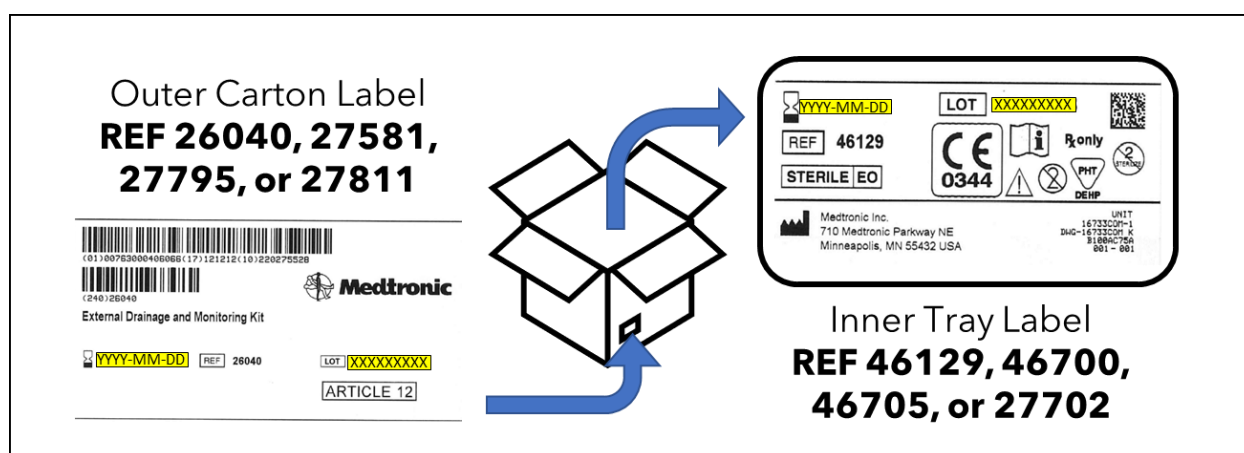


Figure 2 - Becker/Exacta EDMS Kit (outer carton) and Becker/Exacta EDMS Device (inner tray)

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### **Acknowledgement Form**

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To assist us in this corrective action, please complete and sign this Acknowledgement Form.

By signing this acknowledgement form, I confirm that I have read and understood the URGENT - PRODUCT DEFECT ALERT Notification regarding Becker and Exacta External Drainage and Monitoring Systems Potential for Stopcock Cracking and Leaking, dated November 2024.

Please complete the form and email to [rs.anzrecalls@medtronic.com](mailto:rs.anzrecalls@medtronic.com) to the attention of Recalls.

Hospital/Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

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Customer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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