# A Closer Look



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# SUMMARY

Boston Scientific's LATITUDE™ NXT Patient Management System enables clinicians to periodically monitor patient and implanted device information remotely via a Communicator placed in the patient's home.

This article describes how the Communicator can make use of a personal Wi-Fi hotspot to send information over an internet connection.

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LATITUDE NXT Patient Management System

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# How to Use a Personal Hotspot Feature with a LATITUDE<sup>™</sup> NXT Communicator

The LATITUDE System gives health care providers access to implanted device data between scheduled office visits. At scheduled intervals, the Communicator sends your implanted device data to the LATITUDE system using one of several methods, dependent on setup. Some setup methods may require additional equipment. Data may be sent over the following types of connections:

- Standard telephone line (landline)
- Cellular data network (using a USB Cellular Adapter)
- Hard-wired internet (using a LATITUDE USB Ethernet Adapter)
- Personal hotspot (using a LATITUDE USB Accessory Adapter)

A hotspot is a physical location, usually a cellular phone or other mobile device (e.g., cellphone, smartphone, or tablet), that offers wireless internet access—typically using Wi-Fi technology.

If supported by your mobile device and service plan, a hotspot can be enabled and paired with your Communicator. This allows the Communicator to wirelessly access the Internet to send encrypted data to your LATITUDE clinic.

Enable Personal Hotspot, Bluetooth<sup>®</sup>, and Bluetooth tethering (if applicable) on your mobile device while near your Communicator for at least one hour each day and for manual device interrogations. This should allow enough time for the Communicator to connect to the hotspot and contact the LATITUDE system.

Hotspots, and any fees associated with them, are administered through your mobile service provider. Be sure that you understand the internet data allowance for your service plan as your plan may charge overage fees if you exceed your data allowance. Additionally, please be aware that using Bluetooth and the hotspot on your mobile device may reduce the battery life of your mobile device.

### What You Will Need

- A Communicator that is connected to an electrical outlet
- A mobile device, with hotspot capability, that supports Bluetooth connectivity (and Bluetooth tethering, if applicable)
- A service plan with an internet data allowance and hotspot capability
- A LATITUDE USB Accessory Adapter connected to the Communicator (Figure 1)

To obtain a LATITUDE USB Accessory Adapter, contact the appropriate Boston Scientific office (see sidebar). In the Americas, please use the Patient Services number.



Figure 1. Connecting the LATITUDE USB Accessory Adapter

Remove cap (1) and insert LATITUDE USB Accessory Adapter (2) into either of the two USB slots on the back panel of the Communicator.

# **Pairing Your Hotspot and Communicator**

- 1) Configure your mobile device by turning on:
  - -the hotspot functionality
  - -Bluetooth tethering (if applicable)
  - -Bluetooth
  - -Bluetooth pairing/discoverable mode

These options are likely found on the 'Settings' screen of your mobile device. For additional assistance configuring your mobile device, please contact your mobile service provider.

- 2) Check to make sure the Communicator:
  - -is plugged into a working power outlet
  - -has a LATITUDE USB Accessory Adapter connected to either one of the USB ports on the back panel (Figure 1)
- 3) Pair the Communicator with your mobile device
  - -Press and hold the 'Status' button on the back panel of the Communicator for three seconds.
  - This will allow the Communicator to find your mobile device and begin the pairing process.
  - -Select the Communicator when it appears in the list of available connections on your mobile device. It will appear in the list of options as 'MISC' or 'LATITUDE NXT'.
  - -When you are prompted to enter a PIN on your mobile device, enter "123456".
  - -Once the Communicator has paired successfully, the blinking green sending waves will turn solid and the blue doctor icon will appear. This will complete the pairing process. The Communicator and mobile device will remain paired and do not need to repeat the pairing process again.

If the pairing is not successful, yellow sending waves will be displayed on the Communicator. For additional assistance with pairing your mobile device, please contact your mobile device service provider.