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Dear Patient,

Boston Scientific recently sent important information to your heart doctor about a problem that happened with another patient's Boston Scientific subcutaneous implantable cardioverter defibrillator (S-ICD) system, which resulted in the patient's death.

Our review showed that this was a rare event caused by interference from environmental radiation. Although Boston Scientific has found that this is very unlikely to happen ever again, we will prevent this in the future with a software change¹. We are working to have the software available in the US, Europe, and most other countries by the end of the year. When it is available, your doctor will be able to update your S-ICD in the office.

What should you do?

We are sending this letter to you because we want you to have the most accurate information. There is nothing new that you need to do at this time. Please continue to follow your doctor's instructions. As always, if you hear beeping from your defibrillator, please contact your doctor.

Patient safety is our highest priority. We recommend that you discuss this letter with your doctor, who knows best how this new information may affect you.

Sincerely,



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¹The S-ICD software that addresses this will be v4.04 or higher