

August 24, 2006

Subject: Update to the June 23, 2006 Product Advisory Letter

Dear Patient:

This letter provides an update to a product advisory letter issued by Guidant (now Boston Scientific) on June 23, 2006 for a select group of INSIGNIA[®]/NEXUS[®] pacemakers, CONTAK RENEWAL[®] TR and TR2 cardiac resynchronization therapy pacemakers (CRT-Ps), and VENTAK PRIZM[®] 2, VITALITY[®] and VITALITY 2 implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs).

What is the Issue?

A limited number of these devices contain a part (component) that on rare occasion may prevent the device from delivering therapy, or cause the device's battery to run down before it should. Only a small percentage of devices are potentially affected.

New Information

We have provided your doctor with additional information to detect this failure mode, should it occur.

Recent testing indicates **the rate at which this failure mode has been observed in implanted devices remains low (approximately 3 failures for every 10,000 implanted devices) and is decreasing with time.**

Boston Scientific believes that normal device monitoring is a reasonable course of action for most patients.

What We Would Like You to Do

Please keep all previously scheduled appointments with your doctor. At your next appointment, your doctor will check your device, as he or she always does, to ensure it is working properly. Should you feel symptoms similar to those you had before your device was implanted, please contact your doctor.

Questions?

It is important to us that our devices provide the health benefits you and your doctor expect, but also understand the impact product advisory messages have on patients and their families. We encourage you to talk to your doctor if you have questions about your device or the information in this letter. You are also welcome to contact Boston Scientific Patient Technical Services at 1.866.484.3268 or view our website at www.guidant.com.

Sincerely,



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