

March 4, 2009

**Subject:** Product Advisory Letter

Dear Patient:

Boston Scientific would like you to know that your defibrillator is included in a group of implantable devices in which a small number may experience a performance issue. We have recently provided detailed information to the doctor and clinic that follow your device, and encourage you to contact her/him to discuss the impact of this potential performance issue relative to your current medical situation.

### **What Is the Issue?**

There is a very low likelihood that a component within your defibrillator may cause the battery in your device to use energy faster than normal, which could reduce the amount of time available for replacement. No patients have been harmed, but some devices have required early replacement. Boston Scientific cannot know for certain whether or not your defibrillator will be affected. For this reason, we have provided information to your doctor to minimize the possibility that this issue (if present) will impact the performance of your device.

### **What You Should Do**

Please keep all scheduled appointments and thoroughly discuss this advisory information with your heart doctor. Because every patient is unique, appropriate medical decisions can only be made by you and your doctor, who is fully aware of your medical history.

### **Questions?**

All of us at Boston Scientific understand the impact that product advisory messages have on patients and their families, but we believe it is important to bring this information to both you and your doctor. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to talk to your heart doctor about your device and the information in this letter. You are also welcome to contact Patient Support Services at 1.866.484.3268 or view our website at [www.bostonscientific.com](http://www.bostonscientific.com).

Sincerely,



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