Dear Patient,

Boston Scientific recently sent a letter to your heart doctor about your type of implanted heart defibrillator. The information in the letter explains that in rare instances, devices like yours could experience a shorter battery life and may need to be replaced earlier than expected. This can happen at any time during the life of the device.

**What should you do?**
Your doctor has been notified to look for this possible change, so please go to all scheduled defibrillator checks and clinic visits. As always, if you or your family hear beeping from your device, please contact your heart clinic as soon as possible. Your doctor can confirm your ability to hear and recognize this sound during an appointment.

Patient safety is our highest priority. We understand messages like this can cause concern. 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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