

# **UPDATED URGENT MEDICAL DEVICE FIELD SAFETY NOTICE**

## **LEVEL 1® Fast Flow and Irrigation Fluid Warming Systems**

### **Potential for Aluminum Ions to Leach into Warmed Fluids**

**Affected Device Models:** Level 1® Fast Flow Fluid Warming System and Level 1® NORMOFLO® Irrigation System

**Type of Action:** Correction

**Date:** February 01, 2022

**Attention:** Nurses, Clinicians, Physicians, Risk Managers, Field Safety Coordinators

**Affected Devices:** Level 1® Fluid Warming System disposable products listed below:

Affected Product Model Name	Affected Product Model Number	Affected EU Product Codes
Level 1® Fluid Warmer	H-1000, H-500	H1000, H-1000-DA-230, H-1000-FI-230, H-1000-FR-230, H-1000-GE-230, H-1000-HU-230, H-1000-INT-230, H-1000-IT-230, H-1000-LT-230, H-1000-NL-230V, H-1000-NO-230, H-1000-PL-230, H-1000-PO-230, H-1000-RO-230, H-1000-SP-230, H-1000-SW-230, H-1000-UK-230, H-500, H-500-INT-230
Level 1® Fluid Warming System	H-1025, H-1028, H-1200	8002915, 8002916, 8002917, 8002918, 8002919, 8002920, 8002922, 8002924, 8002936, 8002937, 8002938, 8002950, H1025, H-1025-SP-230_FG, H-1200-EN-230V-UK_FG, H-1200-NL-230V-NL_FG
Level 1® Normothermic I.V. Fluid Administration Set	D-100, D-300, D-50, D-60HL, DI-100, DI-300, DI-50, DI-60HL, D-70, DI-70	DI-100, DI-300, DI-50, DI-60HL, DI-70
NORMOFLO® Fluid Warmer	H-1100, H-1129	CON-H1100, H-1100-ES-230V, H-1100-FR-230V, H-1100-INT-230, H-1100-IT-230V, H-1100-NL-230V, H-1100-SV-230V, H-1100-UK-230
NORMOFLO® Irrigation Warming Set	IR-40, IR-500, IR-600, IRI-600, IRI-600B, IR-700	IRI-600, IRI-600B
H-2 Level 1® Pressure Chamber	7204012, 7204016, 7204017, 7204018, 7204019, 7204020, 7204030, 7204031, 7204034, 7204036, 7204037, 7204068, 7204066, 7204074	7204012, 7204016, 7204017, 7204018, 7204019, 7204020, 7204030, 7204031, 7204034, 7204036, 7204037, 7204068, 7204066, 7204074
Level 1® High-Flow 3 Way Stopcock	SC-3	SC-3
Level 1® High Flow Extension Line	X-36	X-36
Level 1® High Flow Extension with Injection Site	Y-INJ	Y-INJ
Level 1® High Flow Y-Type Extension	Y-30	Y-30
Level 1® Gas Vent/Filter Assembly Replacement	F-10, F-30	F-10, F-30
Level 1® Patient Line Sets	PL-6, PL-7	PL-6, PL-7

Reference Page 4 for representative pictures for some of these devices.

Dear Customer,

The purpose of this notice is to update you on the status of the voluntary Field Safety Corrective Action (FSCA) that Smiths Medical has initiated for certain Affected Product Models of LEVEL 1 Fast Flow Fluid Warming and Irrigation System devices listed above due to the potential for aluminum ion leaching into warmed fluids. Aluminum ion leaching has been identified in the disposables sets used with these systems.

**UPDATE:** The Notified Body completed their review of the Affected Product Models of LEVEL 1 Fast Flow Fluid Warming and Irrigation System devices listed on page 1 and has temporarily suspended the CE mark for the affected devices until further notice. Smiths Medical has initiated a project to address the issues raised by the Notified Body. Smiths Medical will contact you regarding updates to the status of the Field Safety Corrective Action when available. The List of Affected Devices (refer to page 1 of this notice) has been updated to include accessories associated with the affected devices.

### **REASON FOR FIELD SAFETY CORRECTIVE ACTION**

Smiths Medical has investigated the potential for aluminum ion leaching in certain Smiths Medical fluid warming products and is providing recommendations to users of these devices in the EU based on feedback from Competent Authorities and our Notified Body.

Please note that this is an advisory notification and not a product removal. **No product return is necessary.**

This Field Safety Corrective Action is being performed with the knowledge of the Regulatory Bodies.

### **RISK TO HEALTH**

Exposure to toxic levels of aluminum could potentially lead to serious injury or possibly death, depending on the treatment being administered and the patient's condition. Symptoms of toxic levels of aluminum exposure may not be readily recognizable and exposure effects may vary including bone or muscle pain and weakness, anemia, seizures, or coma.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recently published additional information regarding this threshold: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/letters-health-care-providers/potential-risk-aluminum-leaching-use-certain-fluid-warmer-devices-letter-health-care-providers>.

**Smiths Medical has identified no complaints, or reports of injury or death, associated with this issue.**

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL CUSTOMERS AND USERS**

All customers who purchased Affected Product Models listed in the table on page 1 of this notice must identify any of these products within their possession and refer to the detailed information below.

- Please temporarily discontinue use of the Affected Product Models. Affected devices are on distribution hold for the EU member states until further notice.
- Users of Affected Product Models should seek out alternative devices where available. For hospitals without alternative devices immediately available, an assessment on the use of Smiths Medical's affected products should be limited primarily to the most urgent cases.
- In urgent cases where no replacement devices are available, and only for patients requiring ongoing therapy at **slower flow rates**, Level 1® HOTLINE® products may be considered. Note, however, that these

are not high flow devices and that the products subject to this FSCA are typically used in acute settings where high volumes of warmed fluids and blood are administered for clinical situations such as: trauma, post-partum hemorrhage and transplant.

- Healthcare facilities can report issues arising from device availability or any of the implementation actions requested in this FSN to Smiths Medical via [fieldactions@smiths-medical.com](mailto:fieldactions@smiths-medical.com).

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIELD SAFETY NOTICE UNDERSTANDING – REQUIRED STEPS BELOW**

1. Locate all Affected Devices in your possession and ensure all users or potential users of these devices are immediately made aware of this notification.
2. Complete and return the attached Response Form for the Updated Notice to [OUS-Smiths@Sedgwick.com](mailto:OUS-Smiths@Sedgwick.com) to acknowledge your receipt and understanding of this Updated Field Safety Notice within 10 days of receipt.
3. **DISTRIBUTORS:** Please immediately forward a copy of this notification and attachments to any of your customers to whom you've distributed affected product. Request that they complete the Response Form and return it to you. Please indicate your identity as the distributor and the consignees name and address.

Adverse events or quality problems experienced with the use of this product must be reported to Smiths Medical via [globalcomplaints@smiths-medical.com](mailto:globalcomplaints@smiths-medical.com).

For questions or difficulties encountered regarding this Field Safety Corrective Action contact [fieldactions@smiths-medical.com](mailto:fieldactions@smiths-medical.com).

Smiths Medical is committed to providing quality products and service to our customers. We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:  
Attachment 1 – Field Safety Notice Response Form

			
H-1200	H-1025	H-1100	H-1129
			
D-100	D-300	IR-700	D-60HL
			
D-70	IRI-40	IR-500	IR-600