

# Medical Device Alert

## Action

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### Device

Tec 6 Plus Desflurane vaporiser manufactured by GE Healthcare (formerly Datex-Ohmeda). Also distributed by Baxter Healthcare.



### Problem

There is a higher than expected age related failure of an internal component, which has resulted in either over or under delivery of anaesthetic agent to patients.

### Action by

Anaesthetic staff.

### Action

- Identify all Tec 6 Plus Desflurane vaporisers.
- Ensure users are made aware of the increased failure rate of these devices.
- Have procedures in place to ensure that:
  - the vaporiser's performance is closely monitored
  - the vaporiser is replaced immediately if any problem is suspected
  - the vaporiser performance is regularly checked, as recommended in its user reference manual in sections 6-2 and 6-3.

### Contact

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### CAS deadlines

Action underway: 23 November 2009

Action complete: 07 December 2009

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