

Medical Device Alert

Action

Ref: MDA/2009/077 Issued: 25 November 2009 at 11:00

Device

X-ray detectable gauze swabs – sterile and non-sterile.
Swabx manufactured by Richardson Healthcare Limited.

Problem	Action
<p>The X-ray filament within the swab is of insufficient tensile strength, which may cause the thread to fragment during use.</p> <p>Richardson Healthcare is recalling specific lot numbers of Swabx X-ray detectable gauze swabs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify, quarantine and do not use any of the swabs subject to this recall. Ensure that all relevant staff are aware of this recall. Contact the manufacturer or NHS depot to arrange return of affected stock. Consider the need for alternative supply where necessary.
<h3>Action by</h3> <p>All those involved in the use, supply and/or distribution of these devices.</p>	
CAS deadlines	Contact
<p>Action underway: 23 December 2009 Action complete: 20 January 2010</p>	<p>Manufacturer Mr Mayur Patel Richardson Healthcare Limited Tel: 0800 170 1126 E-mail: mp@richardsonhealthcare.com</p>

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