

Medical Device Alert

Action

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Device

Locomotor lifting slings for adults and children manufactured by Select Healthcare (UK) Ltd.



Problem

Potential for straps to detach in use if safety-critical stitching is missing. This can cause the occupant to fall from the sling with the potential for serious injury or death.

Action by

All those involved in the provision, maintenance or use of these slings. In particular: nurses, care staff, back care/manual handling advisors and maintenance staff/contractors.

CAS deadlines

Action underway: 06 July 2009

Action complete: 22 September 2009

Action

1. Trace **all** Locomotor slings manufactured by Select Healthcare (UK) Ltd.
2. Obtain copies of the revised instructions for use from the manufacturer.
3. Inspect all slings in line with the manufacturer's updated instructions.
4. Remove any faulty slings from use.
5. Ensure regular inspections are made before use and every six months, in accordance with the latest instructions for use.

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