

1. DEVICE/EQUIPMENT:

Portex tracheostomy tubes. Similar products of model numbers other than 100/506/040 are not affected. These devices are most often used for paediatric applications.

2. PROBLEM:

A number of 3.0 mm tracheostomy tubes have been incorrectly packaged and labelled as 4.0 mm tubes. The manufacturer has initiated a recall.

3. ACTION BY:

Supplies departments and all staff responsible for tracheostomy procedures and care

4. ACTION:

- Identify and quarantine all devices of the above model and batch number.
- Return these devices to Smiths Medical International Ltd and request replacement

5. ONWARD DISTRIBUTION TO:

Please bring this notice to the attention of all who need to know or be aware of it. This will include distribution to:

- Liaison Officers
- Risk Managers
- Health & Safety Officers/Advisors
- Clinical Governance Leads
- Medical Directors
- Clinical Directors
- Nurse Directors
- Ambulance Staff and Paramedics
- Supplies Staff (RSS)
- Special Care Baby Units
- Maternity Wards
- Paediatric Units
- Independent Health and Social Care Providers – Private Clinics through HSS Board R&I Units
- Operating Theatre Staff
- Accident & Emergency Departments
- Intensive Care
- Paediatricians
- Respiratory Care Nurse Specialists

6. CONTACTS:

Enquiries to the manufacturer should be addressed to:

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Enquires to NIAIC should quote reference number MDEA(NI)2005/64 and be addressed to:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC)
Health Estates
Estate Policy Directorate
Stoney Road
Dundonald
Belfast BT16 1US

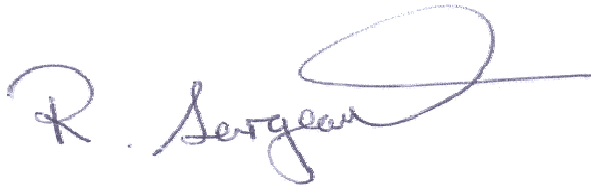
Tel: 028 9052 3868

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Email: NIAIC@dhsspsni.gov.uk

7. FEEDBACK:

None required

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Sergeant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Robert Sergeant
NIAIC Operational Manager

HOW TO REPORT ADVERSE INCIDENTS

Adverse Incidents relating to medical devices, non-medical equipment, plant and buildings should be reported to NIAIC as soon as possible. Advice on how to report is given in MDEA(NI)2005/01. If you are in doubt about how to report incidents, please speak to your liaison officer or contact NIAIC using the telephone number provided. Adverse Incident reporting forms and an on-line reporting facility are available on the NIAIC website at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic

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