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Dear

**SUBJECT: RECALL OF BAXTER A AND AF SERIES DIALYSER:
NO OTHER BAXTER PRODUCTS AFFECTED**

As a result of a series of adverse events that resulted in reported patient deaths in Spain, Croatia and the United States, Baxter initiated a precautionary global recall of our A and AF series dialysers until a thorough investigation into all aspects of the haemodialysis treatment is completed. Both dialysers are made in the same manufacturing facilities and use the similar fibres. These dialysers and the manufacturing facilities were part of Baxter's acquisition of Althin Medical AB in March 2000.

Although there is no evidence to date to link these incidents to the dialysers, the recall has been initiated out of an abundance of caution in the interest of patient safety.

In order to understand the potential cause(s) of these very unfortunate events, Baxter has established an independent panel of recognised European and North American experts in nephrology to co-operate fully with the health authorities and centres in the comprehensive investigation of these incidents. We will, of course, keep you updated on the panel's findings as they are reported.

Baxter has a full portfolio of dialysers that can be used in place of the A and AF series, including the CA and DICEA™, customers should contact their Baxter representative to determine an alternative dialyser that meets patient care needs.

Finally, it is important to stress that all other Baxter products remain unaffected by this recall. This includes other Baxter dialysers, haemodialysis instruments and ancillaries, peritoneal dialysis products and all other Baxter supplied products and services.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact your local Baxter representative or Liam Horkan on 01635 206468.

Yours sincerely

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