

Urgent Field Safety Notice

Pipeline™ Flex Embolization Device and Pipeline™ Flex with Shield Technology All Product Models Recall

July 2021

Medtronic Reference: FA985

Dear Healthcare Professional,

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that Medtronic is voluntarily recalling specific production lots of **Pipeline™ Flex Embolization Devices, including Pipeline™ Flex Embolization Device with Shield Technology.**

Issue Description:

Medtronic has received reports of serious injuries and deaths in connection with delivery pushwire fracture at the distal section of the Pipeline Flex™ delivery system during use. Through investigation, we have established that the root cause impacts production lots described in the Product Scope section below. Corrective actions have been implemented to address the underlying issue. This recall action is limited to the specific production lots listed on Attachment 1.

Risk to Health:

As of July 2, 2021, Medtronic has received reports of 71 confirmed and unconfirmed fractures. These events include reports of ten (10) serious injuries and two (2) deaths. One (1) additional serious injury originated from Europe (Finland), however all the other serious injuries and 2 deaths occurred outside Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Use of impacted product may result in unintended fracture, where the distal portion of the pushwire separates from the device delivery system during delivery and deployment. If separation occurs, it may result in significant patient injury, including a prolonged procedure, foreign body, ischemic stroke, intracranial hemorrhage, neurological deficit, and/or death.

The risk of fracture presents only intra-operatively. If a Pipeline™ Flex embolization device has already been implanted successfully, there is no increased risk to patients due to the issue. Those patients with an implanted device should continue with their normal course of treatment.

Product Scope:

Specific lot numbers of all models of the Pipeline™ Flex Embolization Device and Pipeline Flex Embolization Device with Shield Technology that have been manufactured between April-October 2019 (Expiry Dates: April 2022 – October 2022) and April-May 2020 (Expiry Dates: April 2023 – May 2023) are impacted by the issue. Refer to Attachment 1 – Product List for specific impacted production lot numbers.

Product Names, Unique Device Identifier (if applicable)	Manufacturer’s Product Number/Catalog Number
Pipeline™ Flex Embolization Device	PED-250-XX, PED-275-XX, PED-300-XX, PED-325-XX, PED-350-XX, PED-375-XX, PED-400-XX, PED-425-XX, PED-450-XX, PED-475-XX, PED-500-XX
Pipeline™ Flex Embolization Device with Shield Technology™	PED2-250-XX, PED2-275-XX, PED2-300-XX, PED2-325-XX, PED2-350-XX, PED2-375-XX, PED2-400-XX, PED2-425-XX, PED2-450-XX, PED2-475-XX, PED2-500-XX

Required Actions:

Our records show that your facility has received one or more lots of the impacted products. Lot Numbers of the affected product are listed in Attachment 1. The impacted list of products is grouped by 3-month expiry date windows to assist in inventory review.

Consequently, Medtronic requires that you immediately take the following actions:

1. Based on the product in your control, please review the expiry window as compared to the expiration date on the Pipeline devices. (See sample labels in Attachment 1 for an example of where the expiry date can be found on Pipeline labels).
2. If any device is within the following expiry windows – April 2022 – October 2022 or April 2023 – May 2023, please review Attachment 1 to identify the expiry group and review the lot number on your device.
3. Devices observed to have any of the lot numbers in Attachment 1, are considered within scope of the Recall notice.
4. Do NOT use any impacted product. Remove and quarantine all unused impacted products in your inventory.
5. Return the impacted products to Medtronic. Your Medtronic representative can assist in facilitating the return of product as necessary. If alternative product is needed, your Medtronic representative can assist you with identifying suitable replacement product.

Medtronic has taken the necessary steps to prevent future shipment of the impacted product.

Transmission of this Communication:

Please share this communication within your organization, with other organizations where impacted devices have been transferred, and any other associated organizations that may be impacted by this action.

Please maintain a copy of this letter for your records.

Additional Information:

The Competent Authority of your country has been notified of this action.

We are committed to patient safety and appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please contact your Medtronic Representative.

Sincerely,

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Operating Unit Manager - Neurovascular

Attachment 1 – Affected Product Lots

Contents
202 cm
1x [Device]
1x [Device]

ev3™

Pipeline™ Flex Embolization Device

US and Foreign Patents: Pending

A 2.50 mm
B 10 mm

REF PED-250-10
LOT A123456
2019-06-10

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ev3™

Pipeline™ Flex Embolization Device with Shield Technology™

Dispositif d'embolisation Pipeline™ Flex avec Shield Technology™
Pipeline™ Flex Embolisation Instrument mit Shield Technology™
Dispositivo di embolizzazione Pipeline™ Flex con Shield Technology™
Dispositivo de embolización Pipeline™ Flex con Shield Technology™
Pipeline™ Flex-emboliseringapparaat met Shield Technology™
Pipeline™ Flex-embolizációs készülékkel met Shield Technology™
Dispositiv de embolizare Pipeline™ Flex cu Shield Technology™
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Dispositiv de embolizare Pipeline™ Flex cu Shield Technology™
Устройство за емболизација Pipeline™ Flex со Shield Technology™
Embolizációs készülék Pipeline™ Flex so Shield Technology™

Pipeline™ Flex embolizációs eszköz Shield Technology™
Устройство для эмболизации Pipeline™ Flex с технологией Shield Technology™
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LOT A123456
2019-07-16

Pipeline™ Flex Embolization Device with Shield Technology™
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2.50 mm / 10 mm Pipeline™ Flex Embolization Device with Shield Technology™

Legend:

LOT = Lot Number  = Expiry Date

Affected Product Lots: Expiry Date Range 2022-04-01 to 2022-06-30

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