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Medtronic Implements Worldwide Voluntary Recall for Certain Lots of Neonatal and Pediatric Tracheostomy Tubes

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – June 23, 2015 – Dublin, Ireland – Medtronic (NYSE: MDT) announced that on May 8, 2015, it began notifying hospitals and distributors worldwide that affected lots of its Covidien Shiley(TM) tracheostomy tubes were formed with a wider-angle bend than standard models manufactured after November 29, 2012.

The company initiated the field action following a small number of customer complaints that included reports of 12 serious patient injuries, such as breathing difficulties that impacted oxygen levels immediately upon tube placement or discomfort. Replacement of the tracheostomy tube with product manufactured prior to November 29, 2012 addressed the patient breathing difficulty or discomfort. The notification requested all customers and distributors to quarantine and discontinue use of all potentially affected units and return the affected product to the company as soon as possible for credit.

Customers and distributors, who have provided the recalled Shiley tracheostomy tubes to a homecare provider or patient, must notify the primary care physician and the homecare provider that these products should be discontinued from use and returned. If one of the recalled products is currently in use in a homecare patient, and the patient is not experiencing any discomfort, breathing difficulties or any other issues related to the tube, it is recommended