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Sessione:

**PREVENZIONE E TRATTAMENTO DELLE INFEZIONI DEI DISPOSITIVI CARDIACI
IMPIANTABILI**



Relazione:

**Malfunzionamento dei dispositivi cardiaci elettronici impiantabili:
entità del problema e quali prospettive.**

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EHRA CONSENSUS DOCUMENT

2018 EHRA expert consensus statement on lead extraction: recommendations on definitions, endpoints, research trial design, and data collection requirements for clinical scientific studies and registries: endorsed by APHRS/HRS/LAHRS



Indications for lead extraction

In order to clarify the indications for lead extraction the following definitions are proposed (see *Table 1*).

Infection

This was the most frequent indication for TLE in the ELECTRa registry amounting to 52.8% (of which approximately two-thirds were local infections).⁴ Several entities exist, which should be specified.

Table 1 CIED-related infection types

| Clinical scenarios | Infection types | Definitions |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Superficial incisional infection | Superficial local | Involves only skin and subcutaneous tissue |
| Isolated pocket infection | Local | Clinically associated with local signs of inflammation at the generator pocket or along the lead course, including erythema, warmth, fluctuance, wound dehiscence, tenderness, or purulent drainage, with negative blood cultures ⁸⁻¹⁰ |
| Isolated pocket erosion | Local | Device and/or lead(s) are exposed through the skin (the device should however, be considered infected, whatever the mechanism for erosion) |
| Bacteraemia | Systemic | Positive blood cultures with or without systemic infection symptoms and signs |
| Pocket infection (open or closed) with bacteraemia | Systemic | Local signs of pocket infection and positive blood cultures, without lead or valvular vegetation(s) |
| CIED-related endocarditis without pocket infection | Systemic | Bacteraemia and lead or valvular vegetation(s), without local signs of pocket infection |
| Pocket infection with lead/valvular endocarditis | Systemic | Local signs of pocket infection and positive blood cultures and lead or valvular vegetation(s) |
| Occult bacteraemia with probable CIED infection | Systemic | Bacteraemia without an alternative source |

Lead dysfunction

In case of lead dysfunction, there is the option of abandoning the lead or extracting it (e.g. to reduce intravascular lead burden or regain access in the presence of venous occlusion). Lead dysfunction was the second most frequent reason for lead extraction in the ELECTRa registry, amounting to 38.1% of cases.⁴ Causes for lead dysfunction may be lead fracture or insulation failure resulting in issues with lead impedance, sensing or capture. In some cases, the electrical parameters may still be normal, but the integrity of the lead is clearly compromised (e.g. inside out cable externalization of Riata leads, radiological evidence of subclavian crush etc.).

Table 2 Definitions of terms for non-infected leads

| Non infected leads | Definitions |
|---------------------|--|
| Lead function | Any lead function, including pacing, sensing, and/or defibrillation |
| Lead failure | Loss of any lead function |
| Non-functional lead | Lead not usable for pacing and/or defibrillation due to loss of functional integrity |
| Abandoned lead | Lead left in place in the heart and not connected to a CIED. It may be functional or non-functional. 'Redundant' lead is sometimes used to describe an abandoned lead |
| Recall | Firm's removal or correction of a marketed product that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the European Medicines Agency (EMA) consider to be in violation of the laws it administers and against, which the agency would initiate legal action. Recall does not include a market withdrawal or a stock recovery |
| Class 1 | Dangerous or defective products with reasonable probability of causing serious health problems or death (e.g. short circuit without warning) |
| Class 2 | Products that might cause a temporary health problem, or pose a slight threat of a serious nature (e.g. premature battery depletion) |
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Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices (CIED) malfunctions:

- **Devices (Pacemakers – ICDs – CRT devices)**
- **Leads (pacing-sensing – Defibrillation)**



Devices malfunctioning (Recall):

| | | | |
|---------|--|---|--|
| Class 1 | Dangerous or defective products with reasonable probability of causing serious health problems or death (e.g. short circuit without warning) | → | Mandatory Replacement |
| Class 2 | Products that might cause a temporary health problem, or pose a slight threat of a serious nature (e.g. premature battery depletion) | → | Carefully monitoring Possible Replacement |
| Class 3 | Products that are unlikely to cause any adverse health reaction, but that violate FDA or EMA labelling or manufacturing regulations | → | Carefully monitoring |



Medtronic Recall

ICD: Marquis - 2005 (sudden battery depletion 0.2-1.5% risk)

PM: Sigma - 2005 (hybrid circuit problems 0.17-0.30% risk)

Feature | [EHLab](#) | April 12, 2021

Medtronic Recalls its ICDs and CRT-Ds Due to Risk of Rapid Battery Depletion

Class I recall includes Evera, Viva, Brava, Claria, Compia and Visia implantable cardioverter defibrillators and cardiac resynchronization therapy devices



News | [Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Devices \(CRT\)](#) | February 26, 2018

Medtronic Recalls CRT-Ds and ICDs Due to Manufacturing Error Preventing Electrical Shock Delivery

Defect cited in Class I recall causes an out-of-specification gas mixture inside the device that may prevent shock delivery



News | [Pacemakers](#) | February 20, 2019

Medtronic Recalls Dual Chamber Pacemakers

Class I recall identifies possible circuit error that can result in a lack of pacing



FDA announces recall of nearly 88,000 implantable cardiac devices due to risk of serious injury or death

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Boston Scientific – Guidant Recall

Recall of Guidant Pacemakers, ICDs

Thousands of Patients Implanted With Possibly Faulty Heart Devices

By [Miranda Hitti](#)

✓ Medically Reviewed by Louise Chang, MD on June 27, 2006

FROM THE WEBMD ARCHIVES 

June 27, 2006 -- Boston Scientific says 27,200 patients -- 13,800 in the U.S. -- have been implanted with possibly faulty heart devices made by its recently acquired subsidiary, Guidant.

Boston Scientific is recalling:

- Some Insignia and Nexus pacemakers
- Contak Renewal TR and TR 2 cardiac resynchronization pacemakers
- Ventak Prizm 2, Vitality, and Vitality 2 ICDs (implantable cardioverter defibrillators)

Boston Scientific Corporation Recalls EMBLEM S-ICD (Subcutaneous Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator) System Due to Risk of Short-Circuit

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The FDA has identified this as a Class I recall, the most serious type of recall. Use of these devices may cause serious injuries or death.

December 2, 2020

MEDTECH

Boston Scientific recalls a decade's worth of Ingenio pacemakers over risk of unexpected system resets

By [Andrea Park](#) • Aug 10, 2021 07:20am





St.Jude – Abbott Recall

Hacking risk leads to recall of 500,000 pacemakers due to patient death fears

FDA overseeing crucial firmware update in US to patch security holes and prevent hijacking of pacemakers implanted in half a million people



Abbott recalls pacemakers that may short circuit

May 13, 2021 By Nancy Crotti



Abbott is recalling certain pacemakers that may short circuit because they can allow moisture inside, according to the FDA.

The recall covers 61,973 Assurity and Endurity pacemakers manufactured by St. Jude Medical and distributed from April 2015 to February 2019. (Abbott acquired St. Jude in 2017).



FDA updates Class I recall of St. Jude Medical's ICDs and CRT-Ds to mention new battery alert tool

20th October 2017 4408





Biotronik Recall



Urgent Field Safety Notice

Potential premature battery depletion in a subset of ICD and CRT-D devices

BIOTRONIK reference: BIO-LQC

Berlin, March 2021

Dear Healthcare Professional,

BIOTRONIK has become aware of an increased likelihood of premature battery depletion in a subset of devices of the following models of Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators ("ICDs") and Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Defibrillators ("CRT-Ds"):

Idova, Iforia, Ilesto / Inventra, Iperia, Itreva / Ilivia, Inlexa, Intica / Ilivia Neo, Intica Neo ICDs and CRT-Ds

Class 2 Device Recall BIOTRONIK INTICA

Class 2 Device Recall BIOTRONIK ILIVIA



510(k) | De Novo | Registration & Listing | Adverse Events | Recalls | PMA | HDE | Classification | Standards
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New Search

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Date Initiated by Firm | March 08, 2021 |
| Create Date | April 21, 2021 |
| Recall Status ¹ | Open ³ , Classified |
| Recall Number | Z-1465-2021 |
| Recall Event ID | 87549 |
| PMA Number | P980023S093 |
| Product Classification | Implantable cardioverter defibrillator (non-CRT) - Product Code LWS |

Date Initiated by Firm March 08, 2021



Elamedical-Livanova-Microport Recall

ICD 2003-2004:

Serie Alto modelli DR 614, VR 615, MSP 617, DR 624, VR 625, MSP 627 - premature battery depletion (2.6%)

PM 2003:

Modelli Symphony DR 2550, Rhapsody DR+ 2530, Rhapsody DR 2510, Rhapsody D 2410, Rhapsody SR 2210 -> no output (0.75%)

Class 2 Device Recall Platinum VR 1210

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Class 2 Device Recall Platinum VR 1210



Date Initiated by Firm

July 24, 2017



What to do?

VISIT THE FDA WEBSITE FOR THIS MOST RECENT RECALL –

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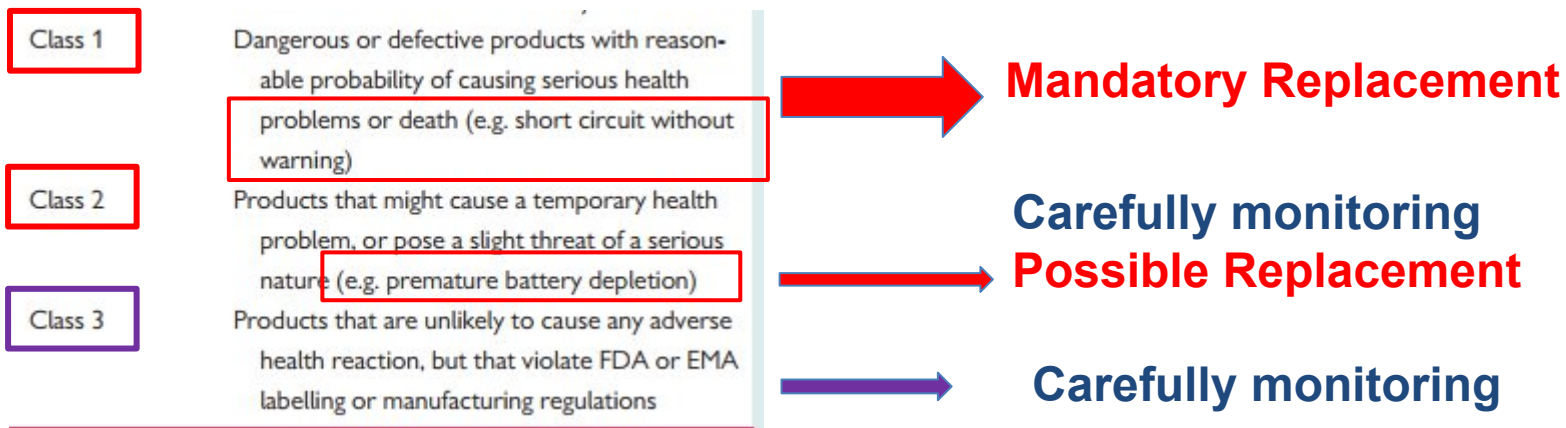


Archivio delle raccomandazioni AIAC sulla gestione dei pazienti portatori di dispositivi cardiaci impiantabili oggetto di recall.

[Cosa fare in caso di malfunzionamento di un dispositivo?](#)



Devices malfunctioning Recall:





Device Replacement:

- **Easy procedure** (not leads removing)
.....but
 - **Additional unnecessary pocket opening**
(increased infective risk)
 - **Additional Hospital costs**

Device Carefully monitoring:

- **Not additional risk related to opening pocket**
...but
 - **Additional time consuming follow up**
(home monitoring mandatory)
 - **Additional Hospital costs**



Recall Device Replacement: CIEDS Companies economic problem

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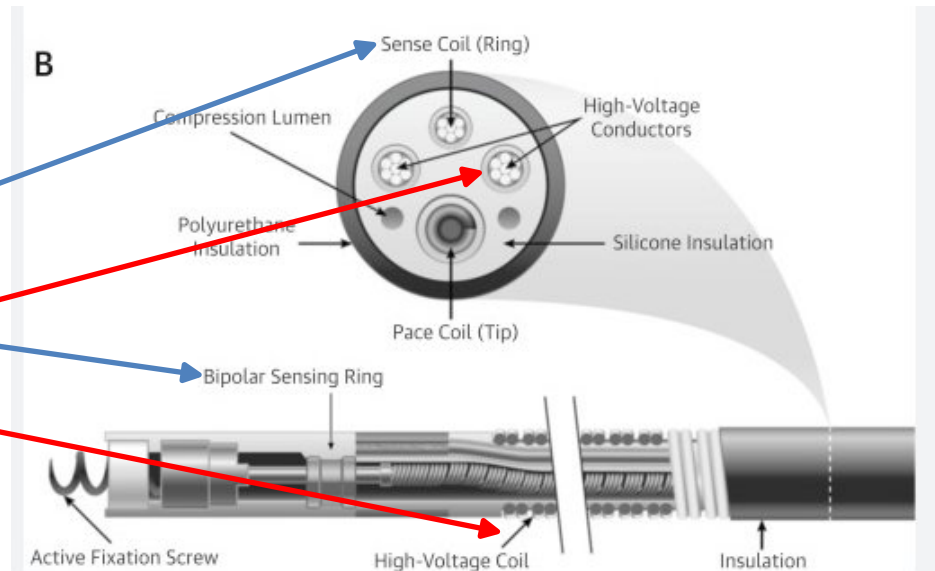
**Real default risk: 0.5-3%....
...possible > 90% useless replacement**



Leads (pacing-sensing-defibrillation) malfunctions:

Related problems:

- **Spiral Fracture**
 - partial (pacing-sensing conductor – defibrillation coils)
 - complete
- **Insulation leak**
- **Spiral externalization**

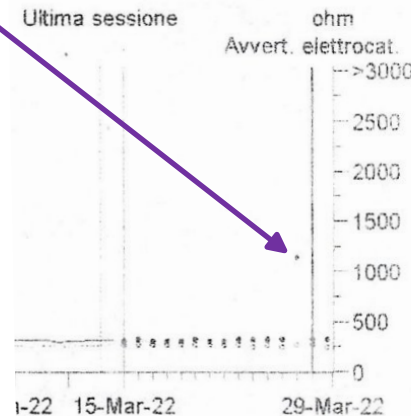




Pacing-sensing ICD lead partial fracture

- **Noise -> oversensing**
 - Sudden impedances increasing
 - Very short and irregular RR cycles
 - Inappropriate ICD shocks
 - Pseudo-arrhythmic storm
 - No Pacing

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Durata residua | 29-Mar-2022 |
| Stima. | 9.9 anni |
| Min. | 9.1 anni |
| Max. | 10.8 anni |
| RRT | > 5 anni (in base all'interrogazione iniziale) |
| Tensione della batteria | 29-Mar-2022 |
| Tensione | 3.00 V (RRT=2.73V) |
| Ultima carica | 11-Jan-2022 |
| Tempo di carica | 4.0 s |
| Energia | 0.0 - 18 J |
| Contatore integrità del sensing | Da 27-Mar-2022 |
| Intervallo V-V brevi | 38 |
| Impedenza dell'elettrocatetere | |
| Stim. RV (Bipolare) | 304 ohm 29-Mar-2022 |



Class 1 Device Recall Medtronic Sprint Fidelis Lead

• FDA Home • Medical Devices • Databases

Date Initiated by Firm

October 15, 2007

Quantity in Commerce

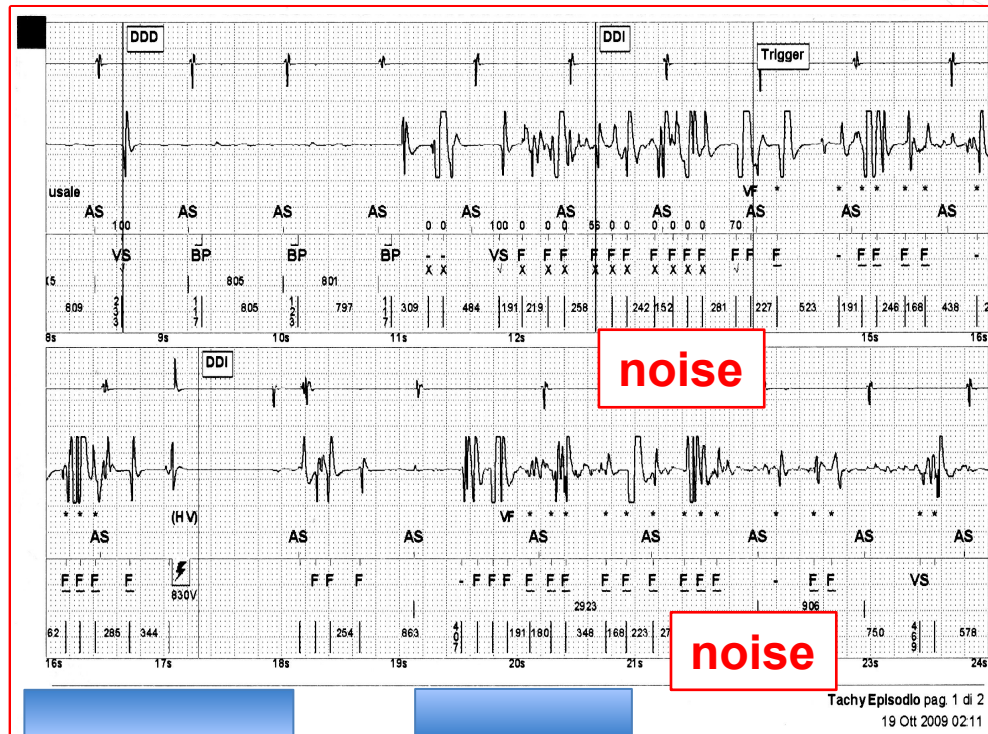
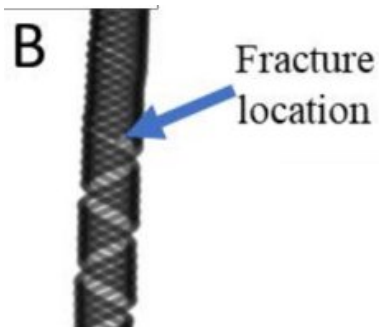
235,000 for all models



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Dispositivo: EnTrust D154VRC
Num. di serie: PNT603987S

Data della visita: 01-Ott-2009 11:26:47
9987 Versione software 1.5
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Rapporto Quick Look

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% Stim. (% di tempo dal 15-Set-2009)

| | |
|----|---------|
| VS | 100.0 % |
| VP | <0.1 % |

OSSERVAZIONI (2)

- Problema di sensing: 18909 intervalli V-V brevi da 21-Set-2009 23:48:58. Controllare le onde R contate doppie, l'eventuale rottura dell'elettrocattetero o l'eventuale allentamento della vite di fissaggio.
- Funzione Patient Alert: >3000 ohm imped. elettocat. Stim. RV.

Prevention Algorithm (LIA)

V-V short intervals -> 3000 Ohms impedance



ALARM

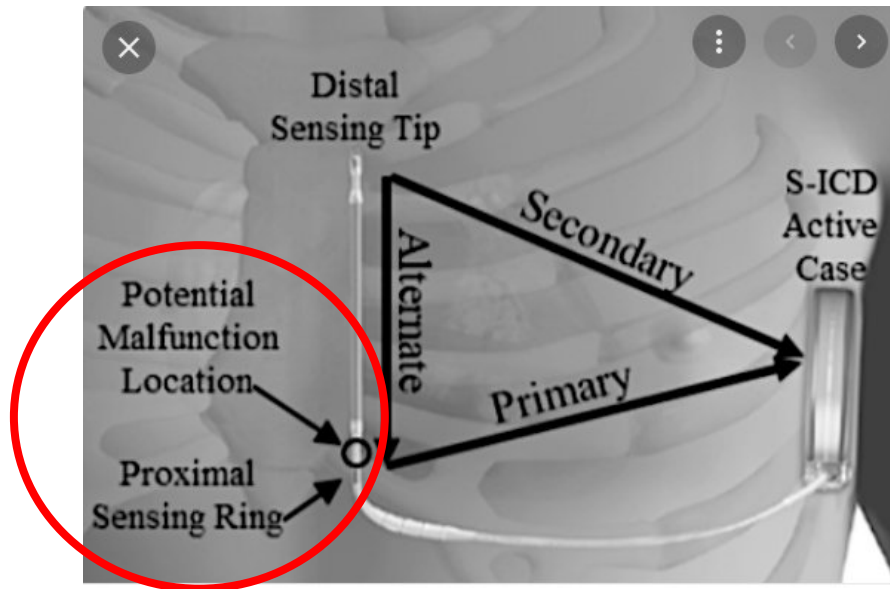


Lead replacement before inappropriate ICDs shocks



Boston Scientific Recalls EMBLEM S-ICD Subcutaneous Electrode (Model 3501) Due to Risk of Fractures

- Devices Recalled in the U.S.: 19,919
- Date Initiated by Firm: December 2, 2020





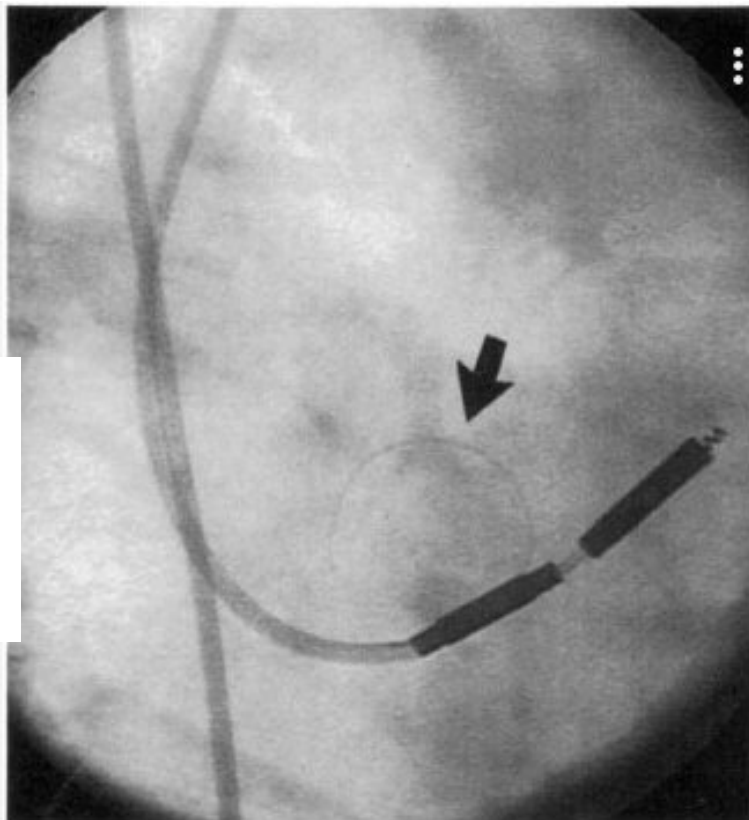
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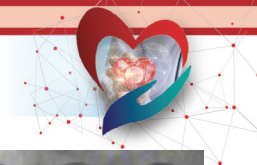
- **Insulation leak**
- **Spiral externalization**

Teletronics **Accufix pacing lead** Class I recall affects about 36,500 devices.

This article was originally published in The Gray Sheet

02 Jan 1995





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FDA Recalls St. Jude ICD Leads

by Cole Petrochko, Associate Staff Writer, MedPage Today December 22, 2011

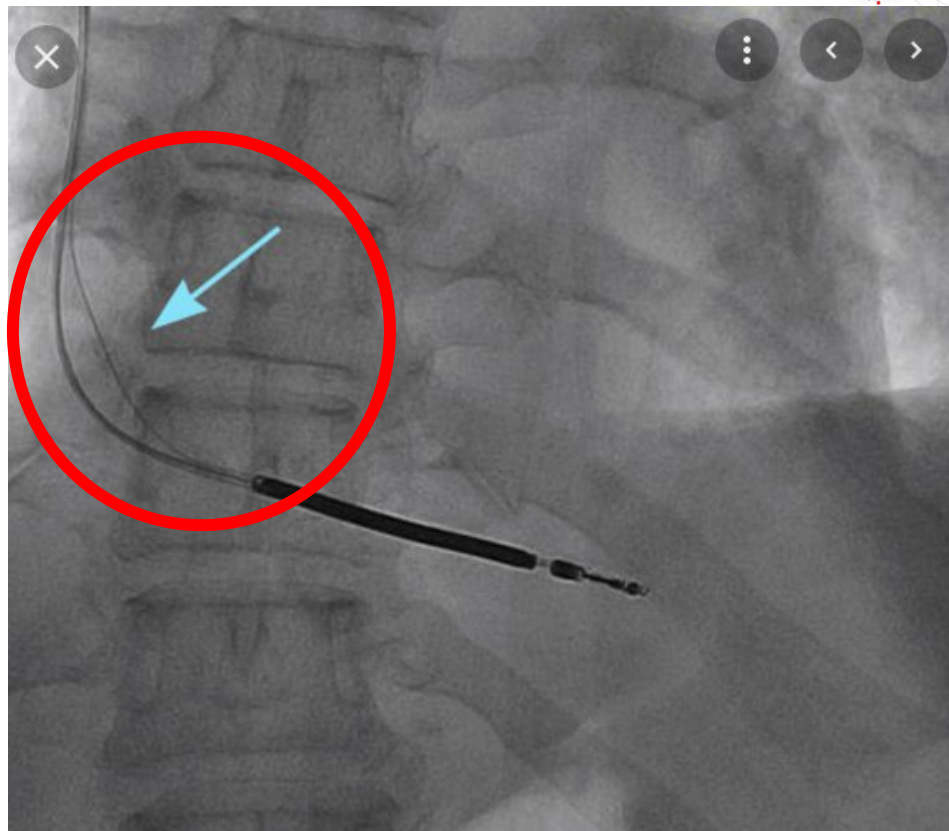


WASHINGTON -- The FDA has issued a Class I recall for several models of endocardial defibrillation leads because of premature abrasion of the insulation, which may cause a device failure.

St. Jude Medical's Riata (8F) and Riata ST (7Fr) silicone Endocardial Defibrillation Leads may wear out their silicone insulation prematurely, which externalizes the leads' conductors. This can cause electrical dysfunctions and the device may malfunction, no longer delivering life-saving therapy, an FDA statement said.

News | Leads Implantable Devices | January 25, 2016

FDA Issues Serious Warning on St. Jude Optisure High-voltage Leads





Leads malfunction without leads damage and with Device OK:

- **Lead (s) Displacement**
- **Perforation**
- **High pacing threshold**
- **Sensing malfunction**

Malfunctioning PM-ICD-CRT Lead ? No reprogramming resolution?



**Malfunctioning lead(s) extraction
+
New lead(s) implantation**

**Malfunctioning lead(s) abandoning
+
New lead(s) implantation**



**Malfunctioning lead(s) abandoning
+
New lead(s) implantation**

PRO

- Less procedural risks (no related extraction risks)

CONTRO

- New lead(s) access difficulty
(possible contralateral and tunnelling necessity)
- Interference between new and old leads risk
- Connectors compatibility
- MRI future incompatibility with abandoned leads



Malfunctioning lead(s) extraction + New lead(s) implantation

Extraction related problems:

- Possible lead break during extraction -> partial removing
- Displacement risk of concomitant lead(s)
- New lead(s) access difficulty
- Vascular damage (death?) risk
- CCH stand-by

More difficult (and dangerous):

- Complete lead fracture (possible difficulty to mandrine insertion)
- Spiral important Extroflexion
- Perforation (pericardial tamponade)
- Old passive fixation lead
- Double-coil ICD lead-

Malfunctioning lead(s) abandoning



- Very aged patient
- Low probability future RMN
- Low interference leads risk
(new lead far vs old lead)
- Necessity of simpler and faster procedure



Malfunctioning lead(s) extraction



- Non very aged patient
- Presence of more leads
- Not very aged Leads
(better active fixation and single coil)
- Necessity of future RMN
- Better extraction material

ALWAYS EXTRACTION:

- **Dangerous leads
(extroflexion/Perforation)**
- **Infective leads/system**



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Safe to Leave Recalled Sprint Fidelis ICD Leads in Place? Debate Continues

Lead abandonment as opposed to extraction led to few problems and no deaths at a single center. But not everyone is convinced.

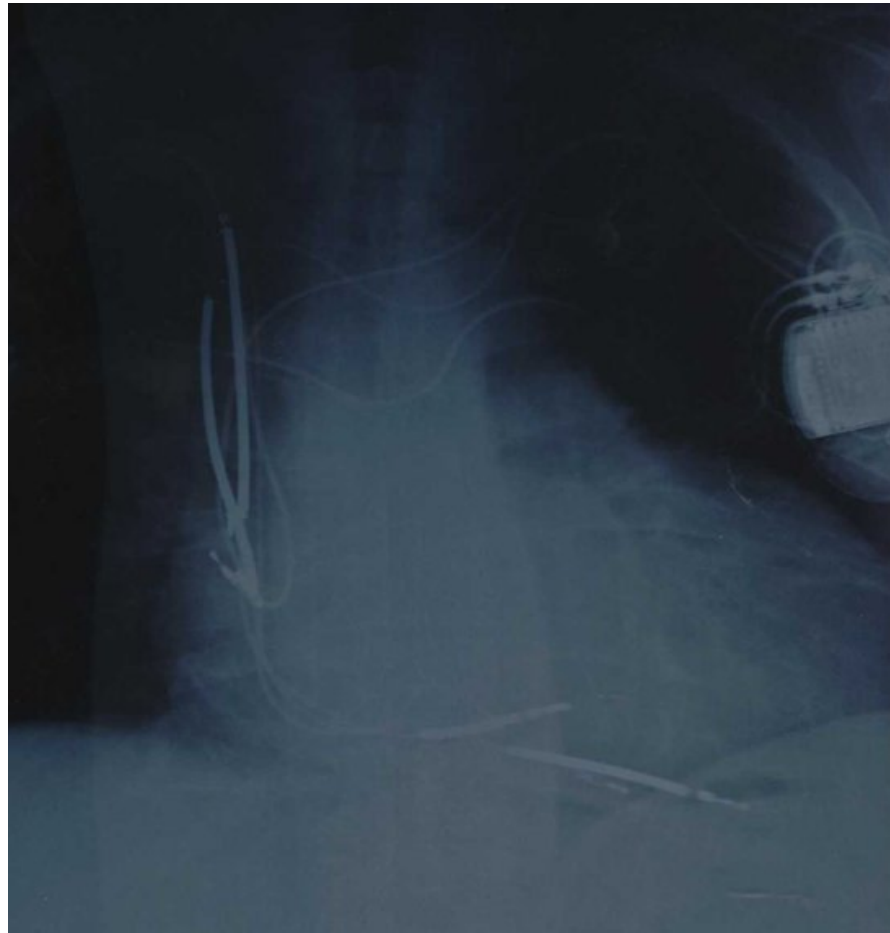
by [Todd Neale](#) | AUGUST 28, 2019



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