SAFETY ACTION NOTICE

By arrangement with the NHS in Scotland, Management Executive

ALTON DEAN PRESSURE INFUSORS:
POTENTIAL DOOR FAILURE

SUMMARY

The door of Alton Dean Pressure Infusors, previously supplied by Linx Medical Systems, may crack and shatter in use. The door on these devices should be checked and if found to be defective the present manufacturer, Mallinckrodt Medical, should be contacted for advice and to arrange for modification.

BACKGROUND

1. It has been advised that Linx Medical Systems, the original distributors of the Alton Dean Pressure Infusor, are no longer trading. Mallinckrodt Medical have taken over the manufacture and distribution of this device, which is used to infuse intravenous fluid or blood, and have identified a problem with the units supplied by Linx Medical.

2. In a small number of cases in the USA the door of the old style device has been shown to crack, craze and eventually shatter in use. The problem is thought to be exacerbated by the use of some detergents and disinfectants, posing a significant risk to users from polycarbonate fragments being ejected under pressure.

3. Scottish Healthcare Supplies has been informed that Mallinckrodt Medical have made the design of the device safe by changing the material used in the manufacture of the doors.

4. Mallinckrodt Medical wish to contact all users of defective pressure infusors in order to advise on the immediate risk, the modification available and to arrange for the modification to be effected within an appropriate timescale. They are, however, unable to trace all users of the Alton Dean Pressure Infusor supplied by Linx Medical.

ACTION

5. This notice should be brought to the attention of all appropriate managers, staff and users.

6. Alton Dean Pressure Infusors supplied by Linx Medical Systems should be identified and the door examined for signs of material damage. If cracks are observed, the device should be removed from use immediately and Mallinckrodt Medical contacted for further information on the modification and to arrange for fitting.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries to the present manufacturer and reports of defective devices should be directed to:

Mr Karl Brown, Marketing Department, Mallinckrodt Medical (UK) Ltd., 11 North Portway Close, Round Spinney, Northampton, NN3 8RQ  Tel: 01604 498337, Fax: 01604 670620

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