



Cardiac Arrhythmias and Heart Failure  
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## FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

*Ellipse ICD models CD2377-36QC, CD2377-36C, CD1377-36QC, CD1377-36C*  
GMDN: 37265, 25852

June 25, 2019

Dear Physician,

On June 20, 2019 Abbott began voluntarily recalling a small number (204 devices globally) of Ellipse implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs) from our customers and hospitals to prevent implant of devices that may have a latent vulnerability in the electronics circuitry. We have currently received zero (0) product performance complaints related to this issue.

### *Description of the Issue*

Abbott Ellipse ICDs utilize aluminum wires to connect the high voltage components of the device, and the electronics are then encapsulated in epoxy. During final manufacturing testing, two electrical failures were identified in a limited lot of manufactured devices due to damaged aluminum wires. Based on our investigation, we have decided to retrieve all non-implanted devices from this manufacturing lot and ensure that you have all requisite information to care for patients implanted with an impacted device.

### *Safety Impact*

We have currently received zero (0) product performance complaints related to this issue. While the number of impacted devices is small, our investigation shows a total of thirty-six (36) implanted devices are from this population. Though we are aware of no adverse patient events as a result of this issue, the potential patient impact could be the inability to deliver high voltage therapy. Analysis has estimated the probability of device failure to be very low, but there remains a potential for compromised high voltage therapy. There is no available option to verify the vulnerability status for implanted devices.

### *Patient Management Recommendations and Action Requested*

To support your patients implanted with an impacted device, Abbott recommends the following:

- Review the device model and serial numbers in the appendix of this letter to identify the impacted patients.
- **Device explant and replacement are recommended.** Abbott will work with you to provide an Abbott replacement device.

A copy of this letter is available on <https://www.cardiovascular.abbott/us/en/hcp/resources/product/advisories.html>. Should you have questions about patient management or this issue, please contact your local Abbott Representative or Abbott Support at +46-8474-4147 (EU).

Abbott is committed to providing the highest quality products and support. We apologize for any inconvenience this action may cause you, and we appreciate your understanding as we act to ensure patient safety and customer satisfaction.

Thank you for your continued support

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert Blunt'.

Robert Blunt  
Divisional Vice President, Quality  
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