

# URGENT: FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

**Bivona® Neonatal/Pediatric Tracheostomy Tubes:** Bivona® Aire-Cuf®, TTS™, Uncuffed, Mid-Range  
**Bivona® Adult Tracheostomy Tubes:** Bivona Aire-Cuf®, TTS™, Cuffless FlexTend™, TTS™ FlexTend™

13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Valued Bivona® Customers,

Smiths Medical are issuing this Urgent Field Safety Notice to notify you of a potential defect with the following Bivona® Neonatal/Pediatric and Adult Tracheostomy products listed in *Attachment 1\_Affected Product*. This letter details the issue and the required steps for you to complete.

## **Issue:**

Smiths Medical has identified that the securement flange of specific lots of the Bivona® Neonatal/Pediatric and Adult Tracheostomy products may tear because of a manufacturing defect. See picture below for an example of a torn flange.



## **Potential Risk:**

If the flange on the item is torn or broken, the tracheostomy tube may not stay in position in the trachea. This can lead to tracheostomy displacement or decannulation. Either event may result in an inability to properly ventilate or protect the airway. Either can contribute to a catastrophic adverse event. To date, Smiths Medical has received thirty-five (35) reports of serious injury and one (1) death associated with this issue.

## **Affected Product**

Please see the affected item and lot numbers in Attachment 1\_Affected Product List and also product distribution date range. Any product received after 13th June 2024 is not considered affected.

## **Smiths Medical Actions:**

Smiths Medical is sending this notification to all Bivona® customers who received products from Smiths Medical listed in Attachment 1\_Affected Product. Smiths Medical will provide replacement product(s) or credit to affected customers upon receipt of a completed response form to certify product destruction.

**Customer Required Actions:**

When using the device, all instructions, including warning and cautions contained in the Instructions for Use Documentation must be followed with heightened awareness. Please complete the following actions listed below

- 1) Check all inventory locations within your institution for the affected catalog numbers and lot numbers listed in the notification and discontinue use. Discard all affected products following your institution's process for discarding. If discarding is not immediately possible at your facility, then the product should be quarantined until disposal.
- 2) Share this notification with all potential users of the device to ensure they are aware of this notification and proposed mitigations. If the devices are used at another location, please ensure this communication is delivered there.
- 3) Complete and return the attached Customer Response Form to [EMEA-FSN@icumed.com](mailto:EMEA-FSN@icumed.com) within 10 days of receipt to acknowledge your understanding of this notification.
- 4) **DISTRIBUTORS:** If you have distributed potentially affected products to your customers, please immediately forward this notice to them and request that they complete the response form and return it to **YOU**. Then the **DISTRIBUTOR** must complete a SINGLE form with the required details and return to [EMEA-FSN@icumed.com](mailto:EMEA-FSN@icumed.com)

For further inquiries, please contact Smiths Medical using the following information:

Smiths Medical Contact	Contact Information	Areas of Support
Global Complaint Management	<a href="mailto:globalcomplaints@icumed.com">globalcomplaints@icumed.com</a>	To report adverse events or product complaints
Field Safety Notice	<a href="mailto:EMEA-FSN@icumed.com">EMEA-FSN@icumed.com</a> or contact your sales representative	Questions about this Field Safety Notice

Your country regulatory agency has been notified of this action

Smiths Medical is committed to patient safety and is focused on providing exceptional product reliability and the highest level of customer satisfaction. Thank you for your prompt support on this important matter. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Andy Mathein  
Vice President of Quality

**Enclosures:**

- Customer Response Form (See Below)
- Affected Product List (Attachment 1)

# URGENT: FIELD SAFETY NOTICE – RESPONSE FORM

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**Check your inventory and complete the information below, even if you do not have the affected product. Failure to complete all sections of this page may result in improper, delayed or denied credit.**

Please return the completed form to [EMEA-FSN@icumed.com](mailto:EMEA-FSN@icumed.com), If you have questions about this form please contact [EMEA-FSN@icumed.com](mailto:EMEA-FSN@icumed.com) or your local sales representative.

Name of Hospital / Facility	
Hospital / Facility Address	
Telephone Number	
Name and Title of Person Completing this Form	
Signature of Person Completing this Form	
Date	
If Purchased through a distributor, please list distributor name/location here for traceability purposes	

**Please select one:**

- I have **NO** affected products (complete and return this form to the e-mail address above)
- YES**, I have affected products, I have notified users in my facility and I have followed the instructions provided to me and destroyed all affected items (see table below)

If you have affected product on hand, please complete table 1 below:

**TABLE 1**

Lot Number	Quantity in inventory (Eaches)	Quantity Destroyed (Eaches)	Date of Destruction	PO, debit memo or invoice

If you have distributed the product further, please complete table 2 below with collated information received from your customers and respond to ICU Medical with the overall information.

**TABLE 2**

Lot Number	Quantity destroyed locally (Eaches)	Date of Destruction

Adverse events and complaints associated with the use of this product should be reported and emailed to Smiths Medical's Global Complaint Management Department at [globalcomplaints@icumed.com](mailto:globalcomplaints@icumed.com).