

Urgent Field Safety Notice

iPadOS Software Update Recommended to Reduce CareLink™ SmartSync™ Bluetooth Disconnections

Software Update

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Medtronic Reference: FA1583

Dear Risk Manager, Health Care Provider,

An update within the Apple iPad operating system (OS) may reduce Bluetooth disconnections between the Medtronic CareLink™ SmartSync™ (SmartSync) device manager software and its associated accessories.

Bluetooth disconnections occur for a variety of reasons. This Apple iPadOS update addresses specific disconnections due to data corruption between the iPad's Bluetooth controller and the SmartSync base station and/or patient connector.

Bluetooth disconnections during a SmartSync patient session may lead to harm due to undesirable or incomplete parameter programming. As of 14 August 2026, Medtronic has received 283 reports of Bluetooth related disconnection events. There have been zero (0) reports of permanent harm or death.

Product Names	Product Number/ Catalog Number	Unique Device Identifier
CareLink SmartSync Device Manager App	M01A02	N/A
PROGRAMMER 24970A	24970A	00763000044688, 00643169957657, 00763000201333, 00763000201289, 00763000201296, 00763000203979, 00763000288051, 00763000203962, 00763000317782, 00763000317768, 00763000397821, 00763000424343, 00763000424299, 00763000518981, 00763000518967, 00763000688400, 00763000688455, 00763000688462, 00763000825416, 00763000688424, 00763000850234, 00763000850241, 00763000688448, 00763000876265, 00763000876272, 00763000967192
RF HEAD 24967 PATIENT CONNECTOR	24967	00763000060435, 00763000060428, 00763000060442, 00763000060459, 00763000288242, 00763000257583, 00763000257613, 00763000317799, 00763000257576, 00763000317775, 00763000208394, 00763000424374, 00763000688479, 00763000688509, 00763000688516, 00763000688530, 00763000688554, 00763000688493, 00763000688547, 00763000688486

Customer Actions:

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- Sign and return the enclosed customer acknowledgement form and share this notice with those who need to be aware within your organization or with any organization where SmartSync may be in use.
- **Tablets currently running on iPadOS version 26.6 or 26.6.1 have no further action.**
- Tablets currently running on **iPadOS version lower than 26.6** should **update to 26.6 or 26.6.1 if available**. Refer to the Appendix for update instructions.
 - If 26.6 or 26.6.1 is **not** available, it is **NOT** recommended to update at this time.

Per standard process, it is **NOT recommended to update to iPadOS 27 or higher** until Medtronic has established compatibility. Updating prior to this this will **render SmartSync unusable until compatibility is confirmed**.

For questions related to this communication, including compatibility, contact your local Medtronic Representative

Additional Information:

Medtronic is communicating this information to the appropriate regulatory agencies.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause. We are committed to patient safety and appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Manager Regions Quality Systems | FCA Planning

Enclosures:

Customer Acknowledgement Form

Appendix: iPadOS Update Instructions

- To update iPadOS, navigate to the "Settings" icon > select "General" > select "Software Update" > Select "Update Now" **only if the version listed is iPadOS 26.6 or 26.6.1**. Per standard process, it is **NOT recommended to update to iPadOS 27 or higher** until Medtronic has established compatibility because this will **render SmartSync unusable until compatibility is confirmed**.



