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**URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE**  
**THIS IS AN UPDATE TO THE PREVIOUSLY INITIATED ACTION**  
**FSCA 2249723-11/16/2022-001-C**  
**MAQUET CARDIOSAVE Hybrid and MAQUET CARDIOSAVE Rescue**

Product Description:	Product Code/Part Number:	UDI Code:
Cardiosave Hybrid	0998-00-0800-31 0998-UC-0800-31	10607567109053 N/A
Cardiosave Hybrid	0998-00-0800-32	10607567111117
Cardiosave Hybrid	0998-00-0800-33 0998-UC-0800-33	10607567109008 N/A
Cardiosave Hybrid	0998-00-0800-34	10607567111940
Cardiosave Hybrid	0998-00-0800-35	10607567109107
Cardiosave Hybrid	0998-00-0800-45	10607567108421
Cardiosave Hybrid	0998-00-0800-52 0998-UC-0800-52	10607567108438 N/A
Cardiosave Hybrid	0998-00-0800-53 0998-UC-0800-53	10607567108391 N/A
Cardiosave Hybrid	0998-00-0800-55 0998-UC-0800-55	10607567108414 N/A
Cardiosave Hybrid	0998-00-0800-65	10607567113432
Cardiosave Rescue	0998-00-0800-75	10607567112312
Cardiosave Rescue	0998-00-0800-83	10607567108407
Cardiosave Rescue	0998-00-0800-85	10607567113449

Distributed Affected Lot Number:	All
Manufacturing Dates:	Since December 2011
Distribution Dates:	Since March 06, 2012

Dear **Hospital Contact**,

**This notification is an update to the previously initiated action, dated [INSERT DATE OF INITIAL FSN TO CONSIGNEES], and then further updated on [INSERT DATE OF UPDATED FSN TO CONSIGNEES], regarding potential for blood to enter into the Cardiosave Hybrid and Rescue IABPs. Additions and removal of prior text identified in bold and underlined herein.** This letter details the updates made to the Cardiosve IFU and Software which amend the help screens relevant to the management of possible IAB perforations.

**No new risk is presented as part of this update.**

Datascope Corp., a subsidiary of Getinge, is **updating the previously submitted** voluntary Medical Device Correction for the Cardiosave Hybrid and Cardiosave Rescue Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump (IABP) regarding increased risks to patients, should blood within a perforated IAB catheter enter the IABP console. **This update is not intended to replace the original notification.**

The Cardiosave Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump is an electromechanical system used to inflate and deflate intra-aortic balloons. It provides temporary support to the left ventricle via the principle of counterpulsation as stated in the Instructions For Use.

**Identification of the issue:**

Datascope/Getinge received complaints reporting unexpected shutdown of the Cardiosave IABP while providing therapy in very rare instances. An internal investigation of the complaints determined an unexpected shutdown may be due to blood entering into the Cardiosave IABP when therapy is provided with a perforated intra-aortic balloon catheter.

Datascope/Getinge **previously evaluated** 134 reported incidents of blood entering the Cardiosave console over a four year period (October 2018 through November 23, 2022). 12 of those detailed an unexpected shutdown. From those 12 complaints, five adverse events were reported including four serious injuries and one death.

**Risk to Health:**

A perforation of an IAB introduces risk to the patient, and blood may be permitted to enter the catheter and extender tubing. A perforated balloon may permit the release of helium into patient's blood stream, and should therapy continue using a perforated balloon, the patient may experience a gas emboli. The amount of blood that may enter the IAB catheter and travel into the Cardiosave is not restricted, and there is the possibility for different severities of blood loss based on patient status. Blood may be permitted to flow freely until the User takes further action.

As documented in the Intra-aortic Balloon (IAB) Instructions For Use (IFU) **and the Cardiosave Operating Instructions**, the balloon membrane or inner lumen may be perforated from catheter malposition or from repeated contact with pre-existing calcium plaque(s). Should the inner lumen be damaged or small pinhole perforations develop in the balloon membrane, blood may accumulate within the balloon membrane, extracorporeal tubing, and/or the helium extender tubing. Once a perforated balloon is detected by the Cardiosave, therapy is interrupted by the IABP, and an alarm is sounded. Should the User notice blood in the catheter tubing prior to the system alarming, the User is able to stop therapy manually (as directed in IFU and educational materials). However, should the condition occur without the User or Cardiosave recognizing it, blood can travel the length of the extender tubing into the Cardiosave console, coming in contact with the pump's electrical components.

The Cardiosave is able to accommodate a small volume of blood without shutting down. However, should that volume be exceeded and large quantities of blood from the IAB catheter enter the IABP console and contact the internal electrical components, pump function will be impacted, and an unexpected shutdown may occur. Despite the console's ability to accommodate some blood all attempts must be made to limit blood from entering the pump console.

In instances of unexpected shutdown, the user is not forewarned, the screen abruptly turns off, no further instruction or status is available to the User, and a high pitched alarm is emitted. If the unit is already powered down before blood enters the console, the Cardiosave will not alarm and may not start on the next power up attempt.

An unexpected shutdown of the IABP due to a blood back event introduces additional harm(s) to the supported patient, user, and future patients supported by the impacted console.

- An unexpected shutdown due to a blood back event may threaten the hemodynamic stability of the supported patient as the User is left unaware to the status of the Cardiosave. Additionally, any subsequent attempts to use a Cardiosave console that experienced a blood back event without reconditioning may delay future therapy delivery.
- The user and subsequent maintenance or service personnel can be exposed to an unexpected biohazard should proper containment precautions not be taken.
- Subsequent patients may be exposed to an unexpected biohazard should an impacted console not be appropriately serviced prior to use.

Datascope/Getinge **has updated the** guidance within the Cardiosave Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump Operating Instructions and **an addendum for the** IAB Instructions for Use.

**\*\* IMMEDIATE CLINICAL GUIDANCE \*\***

Cardiosave identifies perforated balloons based on the shuttle gas (helium) pressure within the IAB catheter and catheter tubing. Monitoring of gas pressure occurs during both routine operation and every two hours during a helium replacement cycle (or “autofill”). Should blood be suspected during an autofill, the “Autofill failure – Blood Suspected” alarm is posted. **Outside of an autofill period, however, there are other IAB alarms that may also indicate balloon perforation. Do not bypass these alarms, and please pay close attention to the alarm notifications listed below, as these alarms may help identify a perforated balloon earlier, preventing any blood from traveling into the IABP:**

- Autofill Failure – Blood Suspected
- Autofill Failure
- Gas Gain in IAB Circuit
- Gas Loss in IAB Circuit
- IAB Catheter Restriction

**The instructions previously provided (see below) have now been added to the Cardiosave Operating Instructions.**

Periodically check the IAB catheter tubing for blood both throughout therapy and when the above alarms occur. If any blood is noted or perforation is suspected, the following procedure must be performed immediately:

1. Stop pumping by placing IABP console in Standby.
2. Disconnect the catheter extender tubing from the IABP console to allow the balloon to deflate.
3. Clamp extracorporeal tubing between white y-fitting and male connector.
4. Notify physician, and prepare for IAB catheter removal.
5. Consider IAB catheter replacement, if the patient’s condition warrants.
6. If blood is suspected of having entered the pump, take pump out of service. It should be evaluated before use in another patient by Biomed/Technical Service to determine if replacement of contaminated components are necessary.

This guidance is meant to augment current clinical recommendations of patient management strategies should an IAB perforation occur. Maintain established patient and device management strategies regarding timing to IAB catheter removal.

**User Actions to be taken:**

- A review of our records indicates that you may have a Cardiosave Hybrid and/or Cardiosave Rescue Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump (IABP) in your facility.
- Please examine your inventory immediately to determine if you have any Cardiosave Hybrid and/or Rescue IABPs.

- If a blood back event is suspected, clinicians are to remove the Cardiosave from patient use, and report the event to appropriate biomedical engineering staff for inspection of the safety disk prior to next patient use.
- Please ensure that all Cardiosave Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump Users **and Nurse Educators** at your facility are aware of this notice and actions to perform.
  - Distribute the above clinical guidance to users per your institution policy.
- Please complete and sign the attached URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE - RESPONSE FORM (Page 6) to acknowledge that you have received this notification. Return the completed form to Datascope/Getinge by e-mailing a scanned copy to **INSERT LOCAL SSU EMAIL ADDRESS** or by faxing the form to **INSERT LOCAL SSU FAX NUMBER**.
- If you are a distributor who has shipped any affected products to customers, please forward this letter to their attention for appropriate action.

**Actions to be taken by Datascope/Getinge:**

Datascope/Getinge **has updated** the Cardiosave **IABP Operating Instructions to reflect the prior recommendations and help screens on the Cardiosave IABP.**

**The IFU addendum is available along with educational materials at the link provided:**

**<https://www.getinge.com/int/products-and-solutions/cardiovascular-procedures/iabp-counterpulsation/iabp-product-information/>**

**This letter details the updates made to the Cardiosve IFU and Software which amended the help screens relevant to the management of possible IAB perforations. A Datascope/Getinge service representative will contact you to schedule the installation of the updated software.**

These warnings were added to the Cardiosave Operating Instructions which are relevant to the Cardiosave IABP only:

During hospital use, it is advised that another Cardiosave be available to provide therapy should the Cardiosave in use be compromised.

It is advised not to transport a patient receiving counterpulsation therapy via Cardiosave unless the clinician deems the benefit of transport outweighs the risk of unexpected shutdown.

**The updated Cardiosave Operating Instructions will be provided with the software update, and is available on the Datascope/Getinge website.**

Datascope/Getinge has plans for redesigning the device to address unexpected shutdowns caused by blood entering the system.

This voluntary correction notification only affects the products listed on page 1; no other products are affected by this voluntary correction.

We apologize for any inconvenience this Medical Device Correction may cause. If you have any questions, please contact your local Datascope/Getinge representative.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

Getinge

[Month DD, YYYY]

**THIS IS AN UPDATE TO THE PREVIOUSLY INITIATED ACTION**  
**URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE – MEDICAL DEVICE RESPONSE FORM**  
**FSCA 2249723-11/16/2022-001-C**  
**MAQUET CARDIOSAVE Hybrid and MAQUET CARDIOSAVE Rescue**  
**FAX BACK TO: INSERT LOCAL SSU FAX NUMBER OR EMAIL TO: INSERT LOCAL SSU**  
**EMAIL ADDRESS**

Distribution Dates: since March 6, 2012

**ADD ACCOUNT#**  
**[FACILITY NAME**  
**STREET ADDRESS**  
**CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE]**

I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand this updated Urgent Medical Device Correction Letter for the affected Cardiosave Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump(s) at this facility for this issue.

I confirm that all Users **and Nurse Educators** of the Cardiosave Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump(s) at this facility have been notified accordingly.

Please provide the required information and signature below.

**Facility Representative Information:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospital Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address, City and State:** \_\_\_\_\_

We have scrapped Cardiosave Hybrid and/or Rescue Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump(s):  
 Circle one **YES NO** **If yes, list Serial Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**If yes, are all units scrapped?** Circle one **YES NO**

We have sold/moved Cardiosave Hybrid and/or Rescue Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump(s) to another facility:  
 Circle one **YES NO** **If yes indicate Serial Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**If yes, were all units sold?** Circle one **YES NO**

**If you answered YES above: please provide new facility information below.**

**New Facility Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Facility Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Facility Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **New Facility Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return the completed form by FAX to INSERT LOCAL SSU FAX NUMBER or by EMAIL to INSERT LOCAL SSU EMAIL ADDRESS**