

Patient Safety Alert

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- Item:** Heat maintainers for Stellant CT Injector Systems, manufactured by MEDRAD, Inc. Part numbers for the heat maintainers are 3007871, 3007872, 3009707 and 3009708. (Note: Part numbers for the Stellant injector systems are 3007301, 3010432, 3007300 and 3010091.)
- Specific Incident:** The manufacturer reports the heat maintainers used on the Stellant injector systems may malfunction and overheat the syringe and contrast media. No patient or technologist injuries have been reported thus far. MEDRAD has identified 42 VA Medical Centers with the affected heat maintainers.
- Action:** If you did not receive and reply to MEDRAD's October 12 letter (attached) determine if you have the affected heat maintainer.
If you have a Stellant injector system;
1. Disconnect the heat maintainer from the Stellant system.
 2. Complete the reply form (located in the attached letter) and fax the form to MEDRAD at 412-406-0941.
 3. If you must use the heat maintainer before a field correction kit can be provided by Medrad, take the following actions:
 - a. Request warning stickers from MEDRAD and attach them to the heat maintainers.
 - b. Inform CT technologists of the risks and have them:
 - o Minimize the time of heat maintainer/syringe contact
 - o Check for abnormally hot syringes just before injection
 - o Observe syringe characteristics. IMMEDIATELY discontinue use of any syringes that deform or turn white, and contact MEDRAD at 1-800-633-7231 x3729
- Addl Information:** Do not dispose of the heat maintainer, MEDRAD, will be providing a field correction kit in January 2006.
Also, please contact the VA Center for Engineering Occupational Safety and Health (CEOSH) if you are affected and did not receive MEDRAD's letter so we can work with MEDRAD to update their records.
- Source:** CEOSH, Manufacturer and FDA
- Contact:** MEDRAD (for stickers) - Tony Maiore at 412-767-2400, ext. 3350
CEOSH - Paul Sherman, at (314) 543-6700