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NHS Safety Alert: Risk of harm from inappropriate placement of pulse oximetry probes.

Dear Healthcare Professional,

In direct response to the recent NHS Safety Alert, Medtronic, manufacturer and supplier of Nellcor™ Oximax™ technology is working with NHS Improvement and NAMDET to ensure Trusts have the necessary clinician training aids to ensure correct sensor usage.

Correct placement of Nellcor™ sensors (so that a probe intended for the finger is not attached to the ear (or vice versa)) together with ensuring adult sensors are used strictly on adults and not on infants and neonates, will ensure accuracy of readings and that patients receive the best clinical care.

Medtronic has therefore produced the following materials to enhance our Sensor Workshops, to ensure correct Nellcor™ sensor placement and to raise awareness of the risks associated with 'off-label' use of sensors on infants and neonates:

- ✓ Sensor placement guides for a range of Nellcor™ sensors
- ✓ Nellcor™ Training poster
- ✓ Nellcor™ infographic video

If you are a Nellcor™ user, please contact us to arrange a Sensor Workshop for your clinical team. Together we can ensure patient safety is at the forefront of our mission.

Yours sincerely



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Patient Safety in Our Hands