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Title: Rheovalves Needle Free Connector - Baihe Medical

Summary: Baihe Medical have identified an increase in complaints for Rheovalves Disposable Needle-Free valve products. The manufacturer had previously issued a Field Safety Notice, however this information has now been superseded. Baihe Medical have requested that use of the device is now stopped with immediate effect whilst their investigation is underway.

Action: Detailed in attached Alert

Action By: Anaesthetics, Critical care, Dentistry, General surgery, Haematology and oncology, Infection prevention, Renal medicine, Theatre practitioners, Vascular and cardiac surgery

Action 1: Identify whether you have any Rheovalve needle-free connectors of lot numbers 0HHT200316 & 0HH-T210710, particularly in renal departments.

Action 2: Quarantine all unused stocks and contact your distributor or the manufacturer to confirm whether devices should be thrown away or returned.

Action 3: Identify patients who currently have the connectors used on their HD or other IV central lines. As clinically appropriate, undertake extra vigilance when removing the connector in line with established local protocols, as the device has the potential to break off in the catheter.

Action 4: Report any suspected or actual adverse incidents involving these devices through your healthcare institution's local incident reporting system and/or your national incident reporting authority as appropriate: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales.

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