

## Safety Communication

### Fresenius 5008 & 5008S Hemodialysis machines may fail

<b>Device/ Product Description:</b>	Hemodialysis machines
<b>Brand Name:</b>	Fresenius
<b>Lot numbers/Serials:</b>	Fresenius 5008 & 5008S
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Fresenius Medical Care
<b>Problem:</b>	The ultrafiltration pump in the above systems may fail, potentially leading to inadequate fluid removal during treatment. This failure cannot be identified during the manufacturer's technical safety checks. It can happen suddenly, without the machine alarming, and can be identified only by observing incomplete fluid removal from patients after dialysis treatments.
<b>Recommendation/ Actions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staff responsible for patient care:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure that operators of these machines have read the information in this safety communication and are alerted to the potential risk of inadequate fluid removal without the machine's alarm sounding. Consider updating associated user guidance documents for these machines.</li> <li>- Consider checks after each dialysis treatment to ensure that enough fluid has been removed.</li> <li>- If you observe frequent episodes of inadequate fluid removal by these machines, notify your local technical/EMBE staff or the manufacturer. This will be noticeable if patient weight is frequently heavier than expected after treatment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Staff responsible for maintenance of these machines:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quarantine the machine if you observe frequent unexplained episodes of inadequate fluid removal.</li> <li>- Contact the manufacturer to arrange for replacement of the UF pump.</li> <li>- Consider including an additional periodic UF accuracy check as part of the machine's planned maintenance checks.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>You can find more information and recommendations from (<a href="#">HERE</a>).</p>



You **should** be aware of the mentioned risks in the notice and **contact** the Authorized Representative of your product for corrective action.

Healthcare Professionals should **report any adverse events** suspected to be associated with affected devices above (or other Medical Devices) to:

**[National Center for Medical Devices Reporting.](#)**

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