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Access CardioSystems, Inc. Recalls

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

Fairfax, Virginia - November 17, 2004. On November 10, 2004, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) posted a voluntary recall notice for all Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) manufactured by Access CardioSystems, Inc. Additionally, Access CardioSystems has gone out of business and will no longer be providing service, repair or technical support for any AEDs currently in the field, nor is it selling consumable products, such as battery packs and electrode sets, for those AEDs. Details of the recall are below.

The EMS Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs has been in contact with AED manufacturers in order to facilitate reasonable solutions for fire departments that currently use Access CardioSystems AEDs. We encourage members to contact defibrillator manufacturers to discuss opportunities for discount pricing when replacing Access CardioSystems Defibrillators. For an example of such a program, please visit the IAFC Web site at <http://www.iafc.org/news/article.asp?id=160>.

Recall details, as outlined in the Access CardioSystems recall announcement, state defibrillators that have the serial numbers listed below should immediately be pulled from service.

AccessAED, AccessALS
Catalog Number: 9100-0100
Affected Serial Numbers: 075690 - 077140
Defect: Failure to Deliver Shock

AccessAED, AccessALS
Catalog Number: 9100-0100
Affected Serial Numbers: 075180 - 084760
Defect: Turn on Unexpectedly

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