

SPINE SAFETY WARNING:

**Information for Healthcare Professionals:  
Class I Recall:  
GE Healthcare Aisys and Avance Anesthesia Systems**

According to MedWatch, GE and FDA notified healthcare professionals of a Class I Recall of specific lots of the Aisys and Avance Anesthesia Systems. The control board wiring harnesses have a defect which can cause the machine to unexpectedly shut down, terminating ventilation, anesthetic delivery, and potentially patient monitoring.

Healthcare professionals are encouraged to report adverse events related to the use of these products to the FDA's MedWatch Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program:

- Online: [www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm)
- Phone: 1-800-332-1088
- Mail: return the postage-paid FDA form 3500, which may be downloaded from the MedWatch [Download Forms](#) page, to address on the pre-addressed form
- Fax: 1-800-FDA-0178

Read the complete MedWatch 2010 Safety summary, including a link to the Recall Notice, at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicinalProducts/ucm211918.htm>

The North American Spine Society is committed to quality patient care through promotion of patient safety and prevention of medical errors. NASS monitors a variety of government and other resources for patient safety related notices that may be useful to our members. Information from these notices is also archived on the NASS website at <http://www.spine.org/Pages/PracticePolicy/ClinicalCare/SpineSafetyAlerts/Default.aspx>. This information is provided as a service for information and education only.