

SPINE SAFETY CAUTIONARY NOTICE:

**Information for Healthcare Professionals:
Baxter Colleague Infusion Pumps:
FDA Ordering Recall**

According to MedWatch, FDA notified healthcare professionals and consumers that it has ordered Baxter to recall and destroy all of its Colleague Volumetric Infusion Pumps (Colleague pumps) currently in use. This action is based on a longstanding failure to correct many serious problems with the pumps. The FDA believes there may be as many as 200,000 of those pumps currently in use. FDA is ordering Baxter to recall and destroy all Colleague infusion pumps, reimburse customers for the value of the recalled device, and assist in finding a replacement for these customers. Hospitals and other users of Baxter's Colleague pumps will be receiving further instruction and information from Baxter and the FDA regarding their transition.

Read the complete MedWatch 2010 Safety alert including links to the FDA News release and previous MedWatch alert, at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm210695.htm>

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