

**Customer Information Letter**Product name: ASAHI APST<sup>TM</sup>-H SERIES HEMODIAFILTER

Type of action: Customer Information

Date: May 9, 2017

**Attention:**

European Distributors and Customers

**Details of affected devices:**Product name: ASAHI APST<sup>TM</sup>-H SERIES HEMODIAFILTER

List of product codes and LOT No. involved:

Product code	LOT No.
APS-21H	UF4447

**Reference number assigned by the manufacturer is T-170310.****Description of the issue**

Asahi Kasei Medical Co., Ltd. received a complaint in Japan that patient's blood did not flow through some hollow fibers of the dialyzer. According to our investigation, it was confirmed that some hollow fibers were clogged with the urethane resin. Therefore, the effective surface area of a few dialyzers of the affected LOT may be decreased.

Based on our risk assessment, the decision was taken to inform the customers about the potential deficiency of performance of the products and ask you to inspect the stockpile and send back the affected products to your dealer or Asahi Kasei Medical Europe GmbH.

**Distribution of this letter**

Please forward this letter as well as the attached "Confirmation Letter" to your customer in case that you have delivered products of the affected LOT.

**Actions to be taken by distributors and/or customers:**

1. Please do not use the affected products.
2. Please inspect your stockpile and send back all affected products left to your distributor or Asahi Kasei Medical Europe GmbH.
3. Please inform your customers about the possibility of clogged hollow fibers of the dialyzers. Please request your customers to inspect their stockpile and send back all affected products left to you or Asahi Kasei Medical Europe GmbH.
4. Please complete the "Confirmation Letter" to confirm:
  - a). The receipt of this letter,
  - b). That you dispatched the products to your distributor or Asahi Kasei Medical Europe for disposal.
  - c). That you have informed your corresponding customers.

Asahi Kasei Medical Co., Ltd sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience caused.

**Contact person:**

If you have any questions, please get in contact with your distributor or:

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## Confirmation Letter

**Product name: ASAHI APS™-H SERIES HEMODIAFILTER**

Following number of affected products are found.

Product Code	LOT No.	Total number of Products
APS-21H	UF4447	

We confirm that we have received the “Customer Information Letter” dated May 9, 2017 related to the above mentioned products.

We confirm that we inspected our stockpiles with regard to product code and LOT No. mentioned above. We have found and sent back the number of products documented above.

We confirm that we have informed all corresponding customers by forwarding the “Customer Information Letter” and this attachment.

Distributor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Person in charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Person in charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete this "Confirmation Letter" and send it via Fax or E-mail to your distributor or Asahi Kasei Medical Europe GmbH:**

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your kind cooperation.