

1. **FDA MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RECALLS AND ALERTS.** The following recalls are reported in accordance with AFMLL 2-95, page CE-4, and should be treated as directed modifications in accordance with that AFMLL and AFI 41-201, Chapter 2, Section D. If you possess any of these items and have not received recall notification, you should contact the manufacturer for recall instructions. Suspension is only required for Class I items. **(FOM-P, Capt Paul J. Toth, DSN 343-7445)**

CLASS I RECALLS: None.

CLASS II RECALLS: None

6515 NS

MDC 10846

PRODUCT

Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump

System 98 Intra-Aortic Balloon Pumps, cardiac assist medical device which provides temporary circulatory support:

- a) Model No. 0998-00-0446-53 (English/North American);
- b) Model No. 0998-00-0446-55 (English/International);
- c) Model No. 0998-00-0446-61 (German);
- d) Model No. 0998-00-0446-64 (French/International);
- e) Model No. 0998-UC-0446-53 (English/North American).

Recall #Z-493/497-9.

CODE

All serial numbers.

MANUFACTURER

Datascope Corporation, Paramus, New Jersey.

RECALLED BY

Manufacturer, by letter on September 25, 1998. Firm-initiated field correction ongoing.

DISTRIBUTION

Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, international.

QUANTITY

69 units were distributed.

REASON

The K6A valve assembly was manufactured incorrectly and may not function as intended.

None Present

Action Taken _____

6515 NS

MDC 14360

PRODUCT

Ventilator and Keyboard Field Replacement Unit

Ventilator and Keyboards Field Replacement Units a) Model No. 840 Ventilator, designed to be used for infants greater than 7.7 pounds, pediatric patients, and adults to 330.7 pounds; b) Keyboard Field Replacement Units with Part Nos. 4-023383-sp through 4-023388-sp. Recall #Z-507/508-9.

CODE

The devices are individually serial numbered. All 90 serial numbers are under recall. There were also 21 Field Replacement Units for the keyboards under recall. The part numbers for the replacement keyboards are as follows:

- 4-023383-sp - International English
- 4-023384-sp - France
- 4-023385-sp - Germany
- 4-023386-sp - Spain
- 4-023387-sp - Italy
- 4-023388-sp - Portugal.

MANUFACTURER

Board manufacturer: Praegitzer, Dallas, Oregon; Board Assembler: SCI, Rapid City, South Dakota.

RECALLED BY

Nellcor Puritan Bennett, Carlsbad, California, by telephone and letter on June

DISTRIBUTION
QUANTITY
REASON

23, 1998. Firm-initiated recall complete.
Nationwide and international.
90 ventilators and 21 keyboards were distributed.
Devices do not consistently meet performance specifications.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

CLASS III RECALLS

6525 NS
MDC 13280
PRODUCT
CODE
MANUFACTURER
RECALLED BY

Simulator, Radiotherapy

Simulix-HP, radiation therapy simulation system. Recall #Z-374-9.
Product manufactured between 1994 and 1995.
Nucletron BV, The Netherlands.
Nucletron Corporation, Columbia, Maryland, by correcting units beginning on
August 11, 1998. Firm-initiated field correction ongoing.
Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Canada.
7 units were distributed.
Oil leaking from AFD motor and dripping onto the brake assembly of the opposing
FAD motor causing the brake to slip, potentially permitting involuntary and
unwanted movement of the gantry.

DISTRIBUTION
QUANTITY
REASON

None Present
 Action Taken _____

6630 NS
MDC 15551
PRODUCT
CODE
MANUFACTURER

Clinical Chemistry Analyzer

ACS:Centaur Automated Chemiluminescence System, used to conduct various
laboratory diagnostic tests. Recall #Z-498-9.
All Serial Numbers from 1230 through 1278.
Chiron Diagnostics Corporation, Oberlin, Ohio; Colder Products Company, St.
Paul, Minnesota (component (O-Rings)).
Chiron Diagnostics Corporation, Oberlin, Ohio, by E-mail on November 3, 1998.
Firm-initiated recall ongoing.
Nationwide and international.
49 Centaurs with incorrect O-rings.
The O-rings are made of the wrong material.

RECALLED BY
DISTRIBUTION
QUANTITY
REASON

None Present
 Action Taken _____

6630 NS
MDC 15551
PRODUCT
CODE
MANUFACTURER
RECALLED BY

Clinical Chemistry Analyzer

ACS:Centaur Automated Chemiluminescence System, used to conduct various
laboratory diagnostic tests. Recall #Z-499-9.
All lots with Software Version 1.2.
Chiron Diagnostics Corporation, Oberlin, Ohio.
Manufacturer, by Technical Bulletin #42 dated November 2, 1998. Firm-initiated

DISTRIBUTION
QUANTITY
REASON

field correction ongoing.
Nationwide and international.
244 units were distributed.
The device may go into a premature ready state with bleach still remaining in the analyzer lines due to a software error in version 1.2.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

2. DRUG/SUPPLY PRODUCT RECALLS AND MEDICAL INFORMATION. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises that the drug products listed below were recalled by the manufacturers or distributors concerned. The FDA has classified these recalls as follows:

CLASS I: A situation in which there is a reasonable probability that the use of, or exposure to, a violative product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.

CLASS II: A situation in which the use of, or exposure to, a violative product may cause temporary or medically reversible adverse health consequences or where the probability of serious adverse health consequences is remote.

CLASS III: A situation in which the use of, or exposure to, a violative product is not likely to cause adverse health consequences.

Most of these items are nonstandard, and the possibility exists that medical activities may have purchased them locally. There is also a possibility that some of these items have NSNs assigned and may have been reported in earlier Q.A. messages. Activities having quantities of these items on hand will immediately suspend the materiel from issue and use. CONUS activities will contact the nearest office of the respective manufacturer or distributor for disposition instructions. OVERSEAS activities will report quantities suspended to AFMLO/FOM-P no later than **09 April 99** for disposition instructions. They should include nomenclature; lot number; manufacturer; quantity suspended; strength size; requisition; and DPSC purchase order number, contract number, and stock record account number (SRAN). (FOM-P), **Bonnie Phillips DSN (343-4170)**

CLASS I RECALLS: None

CLASS II RECALLS:

NSN 6505 Nonstandard
PRODUCT Rocephin Sterile Powder for Injection, in 6 ml vials (Ceftriaxone Sodium), 250 mg, Rx broad-spectrum antibiotic. NDC #0004-1962-01. Recall #D-072-9.
CODE Lot #0637 EXP 4/01.
MANUFACTURER Hoffman-La Roche, Inc., Totowa Antibiotic Focused Facility, Totowa, New Jersey.
RECALLED BY Hoffman-La Roche, Inc., Nutley, New Jersey, by telephone on July 23 & 24, 1998, followed by letter sent on July 29, 1998. Firm-initiated recall ongoing.
DISTRIBUTION Nationwide.
QUANTITY 55,700 vials were distributed.
REASON Label mix-up - Some 250 mg units were labeled as 500 mg units.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

NSN 6515 Nonstandard
PRODUCT Synthetic Absorbable Surgical Suture, Nonabsorbable Suture and Absorbable Gut.
Recall #Z-426/462-9.

CODE Reorder Code Material Lot Number:
UL203H Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8J662NW
CL825 Coated, Braided LACTOMER ASJ700N
CL893 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8J704N
CL839 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8J781N
SL1637 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8KO1NW
GL332 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8KI59N
CL885 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8KI65N
L113 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K228N, A8K781N
L74 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K235N, A8K639N
CL925J Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K559N
SLI615 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K574N
L73H Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K628N
CL906 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K674N
CL864 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K713N
L1742 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K743, A8L77
CL511 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K746N, A8K752N
L75 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K804N
CL880 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K937N
SL613 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8K96N
SL712 Coated, Braided LACTOMER A8L232N
SM644G Monofilament, GLYCOMER A8L139
CM975 Monofilament, GLYCOMER A8K280
CM925 Monofilament, GLYCOMER A8K29I
CM844 Monofilament, GLYCOMER A8K360
CM547 Monofilament, GLYCOMER A8K364
SM693 Monofilament, GLYCOMER A8K248
SM3688 Monofilament, GLYCOMER A8K583T
SM1678G Monofilament, GLYCOMER A8L393T
UL203 Monofilament, GLYCOMER A8K103NW
VP900 Monofilament Propropylene A8K302T, A8K270T
VP745 Monofilament Propropylene A8K87T
VP744 Monofilament Propropylene A8K167T
VDP817 Coated, Braided Nylon A8K252T
G1758 Chromic Gut Suture A8K482
G1790 Chromic Gut Suture A8K507, A8L360
US0435 USSC Procedure Pak A8L246
CG829 Plain Gut Suture A8L407.

MANUFACTURER United States Surgical Corporation, North Haven, Connecticut.
RECALLED BY Manufacturer, by visit beginning December 14, 1998. Firm-initiated recall ongoing.

DISTRIBUTION Nationwide and international.

QUANTITY 71,514 units were distributed.

REASON Defective packaging may compromise sterility of suture.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

NSN 6515 Nonstandard
PRODUCT Adjustable Base Unit, with base unit Handle Assembly (part #41A1310), a mounting device for the Mayfield Headrests and Mayfield Skull Clamps, used to

provide rigid skeletal fixation in the prone, supine, tic, and sitting positions: a) Catalog # A-1000; b) A-1001; c) 1002; d) 2001. (A-1000 is the older model of A-1002. A-1002 is an older model of A-2001.) Recall #Z-463/466-9. Lot #989.

CODE
MANUFACTURER
RECALLED BY
DISTRIBUTION
QUANTITY
REASON

Ohio Medical Instrument Company, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Manufacturer, by letter dated December 30, 1998. Firm-initiated field correction ongoing.
Nationwide and international.
194 units were distributed.
The handle assembly casting may fracture at the lever handle connection pins.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

NSN
PRODUCT
CODE
MANUFACTURER
RECALLED BY
DISTRIBUTION
QUANTITY
REASON

6515 Nonstandard
Intraocular Lens, Model MA60BM. Recall #Z-373-9.
Lot 481577, Various serial numbers.
Alcon Laboratories, Huntington, West Virginia.
Manufacturer, by letter on or about November 15, 1998. Firm-initiated recall ongoing.
Japan.
7 lenses were distributed.
Mislabeling - The dioptric power on the primary label (17.0D) did not match that on the secondary label (17.5D). The actual power for all units measured 17.0D.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

NSN
PRODUCT

6515 Nonstandard
Wound Closure Instrument Trays and Incision and Drainage Trays:
a) Baxter Wound Closure Instrument Trays (Catalogue Nos. 25004-010, 25004-020, 25004-040, 24004-010, 24004-020, 24004-040);
b) Baxter Incision and Drainage Trays (Catalogue Nos. 25006-010, 25006-040, 24006-010);
c) Ni-Med Incision and Drainage Trays (Catalogue No. 15-1220.
Recall #Z-521/523-9.

CODE

a) BAXTER - Wound Closure Instrument Trays
Cat. #25004-010 (stainless instruments), lot #719, #765
Cat. #25004-020 (stainless instruments), lot #722, #765
Cat. #25004-040 (stainless instruments), lot #716, #719, #722, #763, #766
Cat. #24004-010 (wire instruments), lot #716, #764
Cat. #24004-020 (wire instruments), lot #716, #719
Cat. #24004-040 (wire instruments), lot #716;
b) BAXTER - Incision and Drainage Trays
Cat. #25006-010 (stainless instruments), lot #762
Cat. #25006-040 (stainless instruments), lot #716, #764, #765
Cat. #24006-010 (wire instruments), lot #716, #719, #765;
c) NI-MED - Incision and Drainage Trays
Cat. #15-1220, lot #687.

MANUFACTURER

Ni-Med, Inc., Farmington, Missouri.
 RECALLED BY
 Manufacturer, by telephone on October 20, 1998, and by letters dated November 5, 1998, and December 8, 1998. Firm-initiated recall ongoing.
 Nationwide.
 a&b) Approximately 1,086 cases were distributed; c) 2 cases were distributed.
 The sterility of some packages may be breached.

DISTRIBUTION
 QUANTITY
 REASON

None Present
 Action Taken _____

NSN
 PRODUCT 6515 Nonstandard
 BioGran/Bioactive glass Syringe Bone Graft Material 750 mg 300-355 mm (50-45 mesh): a) Part No. 2100-0001 (2 pk); b) Part No. 2100-0002 (7 pk). Recall #Z-526/527-9.
 CODE Lot numbers: a) 802017; b) 803015, 803024, 803025, 803032, 804018, 805016, 805017, 806019, 806020.
 MANUFACTURER Ethox Corporation, Buffalo, New York.
 RECALLED BY Orthovita, Malvern, Pennsylvania, by letters dated October 1998, and October 9, 1998. Firm-initiated recall ongoing.
 DISTRIBUTION Texas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, international.
 QUANTITY 24,757 syringes were distributed.
 REASON The BioGran material cannot be dispensed from the syringes without greater than normal force resulting in potential breakage of syringes and possible injury to users and patient.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

NSN
 PRODUCT 6515 Nonstandard
 Unipolar Endoscopic Coagulator-Cutter Electrodes:
 Tip style, electrode size, Endovnt cat, Vital cat, Dexide cat, Smith & Nephew
 a) Spatula w/o suction 5mm x 33cm: custom, n/a, n/a, n/a
 w/o suction 4mm x 32cm: custom, n/a, n/a, n/a
 w/o suction 5mm x 32cm: 15-1123, n/a, n/a, n/a
 w/suction 5mm x 33cm: 15-1124, 56300, 200-43, 7205708
 w/suction 5mm x 45cm: n/a, n/a, 200-53, n/a
 b) J-Hook
 w/o suction 3mm x 30cm: 23-5017, n/a, n/a, n/a
 w/o suction 4mm x 33cm: custom, n/a, n/a, n/a
 w/o suction 5mm x 32cm: 15-1112, n/a, n/a, n/a
 w/o suction 5mm x 33cm: custom, n/a, n/a, n/a
 w/suction 5mm x 33cm: custom, 56301, 200-45, 7205709
 w/suction 5mm x 45cm: n/a, n/a, 200-55, n/a
 c) L-Hook
 w/o suction 4mm x 33cm: custom, n/a, n/a, n/a
 w/o suction 5mm x 33cm: 15-1110, n/a, n/a, n/a
 w/suction 5mm x 33cm: custom, 56302, 200-44, 7205710
 w/suction 5mm x 45cm: n/a, n/a, 200-54, n/a
 d) Needle
 w/o suction 4mm x 33cm: custom, n/a, n/a, n/a
 w/o suction 5mm x 45cm: custom, n/a, 200-56, 7205711

w/o suction 5mm x 33cm: n/a, n/a, 200-46, n/a
w/suction 5mm x 33cm: custom, n/a, n/a, n/a
w/suction 5mm x 45cm: custom, n/a, n/a, n/a
e) Knife
w/o suction 5mm x 33cm: n/a, n/a, 200-47, n/a
w/o suction 5mm x 45cm: n/a, n/a, 200-57, n/a
f) Button
w/o suction 5mm x 33cm: n/a, n/a, 200-48, n/a w/o
suction 5mm x 45cm: n/a, n/a, 200-58, n/a
Recall #Z-529/552-9.

CODE There are no lot numbers for the Endoventions or Vital Concepts catalog numbers. Lot numbers for electrodes sold under the Dexide catalog numbers are any lot number that starts with "065".

MANUFACTURER U.S. Endo, Inc., Bensenville, Illinois.

RECALLED BY Manufacturer, by telephone on December 11 and 18, 1998, and by letter on January 11, 1999. Firm-initiated recall ongoing.

DISTRIBUTION Illinois, Michigan, California, Missouri, Washington state, Ohio, Texas, Massachusetts.

QUANTITY 1,095 electrodes were distributed.

REASON The electrodes were marketed without an approved 510(k) and failed insulation testing.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

NSN 6515/6525 Nonstandard

PRODUCT I-125 SEEDS, Model 6711. Recall #Z-524-9.

CODE Sales order 559202.

MANUFACTURER Medi-Physics, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois.

RECALLED BY Nycomed Amersham Imaging, Princeton, New Jersey, by telephone on January 6, 1999. Firm-initiated recall ongoing.

DISTRIBUTION Alabama.

QUANTITY 111 seeds were distributed.

REASON Out of radioactive range seed present in shipment.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

CLASS III RECALLS:

NSN 6505 Nonstandard

PRODUCT Oxygen, USP, compressed, in the following sizes of cylinders: OXUSP200 (equivalent to H), OXUSP150 (equivalent to S), OXUSP125 (equivalent to M), OXUSPE00, OXUSPD00, and OXUSPB00. Recall #D-096-9.

CODE Lot #Q00J341A, EXP 12-07-98 Lot #Q00J341B, EXP 12-07-98
Lot #Q00J342A, EXP 12-08-98 Lot #Q00J343A, EXP 12-09-98
Lot #Q00J343B, EXP 12-09-98 Lot #Q01J344A, EXP 12-10-98
Lot #Q01J345A, EXP 12-11-98 Lot #Q01J348A, EXP 12-14-98
Lot #Q01J348B, EXP 12-14-98 Lot #Q01J349A, EXP 12-15-98
Lot #Q01J350A, EXP 12-16-98 Lot #Q01J351A, EXP 12-17-98
Lot #Q01J352A, EXP 12-18-98 Lot #Q01J355A, EXP 12-21-98

MANUFACTURER Lot #Q01J356A, EXP 12-22-98 Lot #Q01J357A, EXP 12-23-98
 RECALLED BY Lot #Q01J357B, EXP 12-23-98.
 Airgas - North Central, Inc., Spencer, Iowa.
 Airgas - North Central, Inc., Waterloo, Iowa, by telephone on December 28, 1998,
 and by letter dated January 5, 1999. Firm-initiated recall ongoing.
 DISTRIBUTION Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota.
 QUANTITY 687 cylinders were distributed.
 REASON Mislabeling - Product given incorrect expiration date.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

NSN 6515 Nonstandard
 UPDATE Recall #Z-330-9, 90 Degree Child Osteotomy Plate 9.5 x 30mm Blade, 8mm
 Offset, Product #235.262, recalled by Synthes USA, Paoli, Pennsylvania, which
 appeared in the January 13, 1999 Enforcement Report should read:
 QUANTITY : 13 units.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

NSN 6515 Nonstandard
 PRODUCT Auto Suture disposable Stapling Instrument: a) Signet 35W, Sterile; b) Signet
 35W, Non-Sterile, bulk. Recall #Z-180/181-9.
 CODE a) Product #054006; b) Product #054016.
 MANUFACTURER United States Surgical Corporation, North Haven, Connecticut.
 RECALLED BY Manufacturer, by telephone on October 9, 1998. Firm-initiated field correction
 ongoing.
 DISTRIBUTION Nationwide.
 QUANTITY a) 177,971 units; b) 2,143 bulk were distributed.
 REASON Staple may not release after firing.

None Present
 Action Taken _____

3. **INSPECTION/RECALL OF MEDICAL MATERIEL**

SUBJ: Q.A. MESSAGE 9049-0001
 OXYGEN REGULATORS/100% INSPECTION/RECALL
 SUSPENSE: 2/19/99
 DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO MEDICAL LOG OFCRS, PASS TO ALL AIR FORCE
 ACTIVE DUTY AND PEACETIME MEDICAL FACILITIES, TO INCLUDE ALL NATL.
 GUARD, RESERVE MEDICAL UNITS, AND PARA RESCUE AND FIRE DEPT
 FACILITIES. ALL AF MAJCOMS PLEASE ENSURE THIS MESSAGE IS FORWARDED
 TO ALL DEPLOYED MEDICAL UNITS.
 SEE AFMAN 23-110, VOL 5, CHAP 19, PARA 19.7.3 FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS.\
 FOR MAJCOMS & NGB--THIS MSG HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO ALL DESIGNATED
 SUBORDINATE MEDICAL ACTIVITIES IAW AFMAN 23-110, VOL 5, CHAP 19.
 1. ALLIED HEALTHCARE IS REQUESTING A 100% INSPECTION OF THE FOLLOWING

OXYGEN REGULATORS:
NSN: 6530-01-457-2239
PRODUCT: REGULATOR OXYGEN
MANUFACTER: LIFE SUP PROD (LSP)
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6530-01-449-0132
PRODUCT: REGULATOR OXYGEN H-CYLINDER W/CONSTANT FLOW CONTROLLER
MANUFACTURER: LIFE SUP PROD (LSP)
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6680-01-234-6789
PRODUCT: REGULATOR OXYGEN PRESSURE LIGHTWEIGHT W/INTEGRAL FLOW CONTROLLER
MANUFACTURER: LIFE SUP PROD (LSP)
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6680-NS
PRODUCT: REGULATOR OXYGEN MDL LSP 106
MANUFACTURER: LIFE SUP PROD (LSP)
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6680-NS PRODUCT: REGULATOR OXYGEN MDL LSP 735
MANUFACTURER: LIFE SUP PROD (LSP)
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6680-NS
PRODUCT: REGULATOR OXYGEN MDL LSP 270
MANUFACTURER: LIFE SUP PROD (LSP)
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6680-NS
PRODUCT: REGULATOR OXYGEN MDL LSP 280
MANUFACTURER: LIFE SUP PROD (LSP)
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6680-NS
PRODUCT: REGULATOR OXYGEN MDL LSP 370
MANUFACTURER: LIFE SUP PROD (LSP)
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6680-00-935-4242
PRODUCT: REGULATOR PRESS MED GAS ADMINISTRATION APPARATUS 4VALVE OXYGEN
MANUFACTURER: LIFE SUP PROD (LSP)
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6680-01-174-6276
PRODUCT: REGULATOR PRESSURE MEDICAL GAS ADMINISTRATION APPAR OXYGEN SGL
MANUFACTURER: LIFE SUP PROD (LSP)
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6680-00-935-4242
PRODUCT: REGULATOR PRESS MED GAS ADMINISTRATION APPARATUS 4VALVE OXYGEN
MANUFACTURER: ROBERT SHAW CONTROLS
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL
NSN: 6680-01-174-6276
PRODUCT: REGULATOR PRESSURE MEDICAL GAS ADMINISTRATION APPAR OXYGEN SGL
MANUFACTURER: ROBERT SHAW CONTROLS
LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S): ALL

NOTE:

NSN: 6680-01-234-6789 IS A COMPONENT OF THE FOLLOWING TA(S):

896 - AIR TRANSPORTABLE HOSPITAL
912L

NSN: 6680-01-174-6276 AND 6680-00-935-4242 ARE LISTED AS A PRIMARY
OR SUB COMPONENT OF THE FOLLOWING TA(S):

896 - AIR TRANSPORTABLE HOSPITAL
898 - WARD

900C - HSEP
903A - CONUS 50 BED ASF
903B - CONUS 100 BED ASF
903C - CONUS 150 BED ASF
903D - CONUS CONUS 250 BED ASF
903E - OVERSEAS 50 BED ASF
903F - OVERSEAS 100 BED ASF
903G - OVERSEAS 150 BED ASF
903H - OVERSEAS 250 BED ASF
903J - 50 BED MOBILE ASF
910 - WARD
912H - SOF AIR TRANSPORTABLE TREATMENT
SP 01 INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALTY SET
SP 11 CCATT
SP 12 PRIMARY CARE SPECIALTY SET
SP 33B OB/GYN SPECIALTY SET

REASON: REPORTS OF FIRES, EXPLOSIONS; EXACT CAUSES REMAIN UNKNOWN.

DISPOSITION: INSPECT STOCK FOR A SINTERED BRONZE FILTER AT INLET OF REGULATOR (WHERE IT ATTACHES TO OXYGEN SOURCE). SUSPEND IMMEDIATELY REGULATORS WITHOUT A SINTERED BRONZE FILTER. IF DEFECTIVE OXYGEN REGULATORS ARE FOUND, IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND THEM FROM USE. IF DEFECTIVE REGULATORS ARE FOUND IN WRM ASSEMBLAGES IMMEDIATELY ASSESS YOUR UNIT'S WARTIME CAPABILITY. IF WARTIME CAPABILITIES ARE DEGRADED TAKE ACTIONS TO IMMEDIATELY REPLACE DEFECTIVE WRM REGULATORS. REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS: ALL UNITS NEED TO REPORT 100% INSPECTION OF ALL ON HAND OXYGEN REGULATORS BOTH PEACETIME AND WRM QUANTITIES IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT: NSN: SERVICEABLE QTY ON HAND WRM: SERVICEABLE QTY ON HAND PEACETIME: DEFECTIVE QTY ON HAND WRM: DEFECTIVE QTY ON HAND PEACETIME:

**** ALL UNITS MUST REPORT RESULTS TO CMSGT CHRISTIAN VIA E-MAIL OR MESSAGE, alan.christian@ft-detrick.af.mil by 19 FEB 99.

2..REGULATORS BOUGHT AFTER MAY 1997 SHOULD HAVE THE SINTERED BRONZE FILTER INSTALLED. REGULATORS RETROFITTED AFTER MAY 1997 HAVE A STANDARD SCREWDRIVER TYPE FITTING. THE INLET FILTER IS VISIBLE AFTER THE REGULATOR HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SOURCE OF COMPRESSED GAS. RETROFITTED REGULATORS SHOULD HAVE A WARNING LABEL ATTACHED STATING PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFELY HANDLING PRESSURIZED OXYGEN. RETROFITTED REGULATORS ARE SUITABLE FOR CONTINUED USE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS ARE FOLLOWED:

- A. THE OXYGEN TANK, CYLINDER VALVE AND REGULATOR SHOULD BE FREE OF ALL CONTAMINANTS.
- B. THE CYLINDER VALVE SHOULD BE OPENED SLOWLY WHENEVER THE UNIT IS USED TO MINIMIZE HEAT OF RAPID COMPRESSION IN THE REGULATOR.
- C. USERS WHO REFILL THEIR OWN OXYGEN CYLINDERS SHOULD TAKE EXTRA CARE TO AVOID THE INTRODUCTION OF CONTAMINANTS DURING THE FILLING PROCESS.

3. A REGULATOR THAT HAS AN INLET FILTER WITH AN INTERNAL HEX FITTING HAS NOT BEEN RETROFITTED. CONTACT ALLIED HEALTHCARE AT 800-444-3940, 800-231-5273 OR 314-771-2400, EMAIL RRC@ALLIEDHPI.COM FOR ASSISTANCE. FAX NO. 888-216-4624

4. INDUSTRY HAS BECOME AWARE OF FIRES IN OXYGEN REGULATORS WITH ALUMINUM COMPONENTS IN THE UNITS HIGH-PRESSURE CHAMBERS. FDA RECOMMENDS THE ELIMINATION OF ALL ALUMINUM COMPONENTS IN OXYGEN REGULATORS. ALLIED HEALTHCARE WILL PROVIDE BRASS COMPONENTS FOR SUSPENDED REGULATORS AT NO COST TO THE GOVERNMENT. PARTS AVAILABILITY CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME.

5. POC AT AFMLO/FOM-P IS BONNIE PHILLIPS, DSN 343-4170.

6. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN AFMLL 03-99.

7. FOR MAJCOMS AND NGB - THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO ALL DESIGNATED SUBORDINATE MEDICAL ACTIVITIES IAW AFMAN 23-110, VOL V, CHAPTER 19.