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Our ref. VKK/mu-jes Date 10.04.2015

Urgent Safety Information

Safety measure concerning Morcellator Angle Hand Piece 8307011

Addressees:

Users, operators, distributors

Identification of medical products concerned:

Morcellator hand piece, product no. 8307011 for Morce Power Plus.

Description of problem:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

A modification to the angle handpiece with the target of simplifying the handling during system assembly by reducing the number of components, resulted in an incompatibility with the cutting tube nuts of versions V1 and V2.

Due to the missing thread in the area of the sealing cap holder, it is no longer possible to fasten the cutting tube nuts, versions V1 and V2, for fastening the cutting tube in conjunction with sealing units 83075011 and 83075021.

If contrary to our expectations the modified angle hand piece without thread is used (which will not provide the possibility of fastening the cutting tube nuts, versions V1 and V2, in conjunction with sealing units 83075011 and 83075021), a fastening of the cutting tube is not guaranteed. When applied, the cutting tube will not cut because it will be pushed back manually into the sheath of the trocar sleeve in an uncontrolled manner.

Measures to be taken by the addressee:

The product can still be used. Due to the design without a thread in the area of the sealing cap holder (inner sleeve with three grooves), for fastening the cutting tube it is absolutely necessary to use the optimized sealing units (optional Ø 12-15 mm, item no. 643301131/1130 as well as Ø 20 mm item no. 643301132/0856/0861). This allows the use without the cutting tube nuts of versions V1 and V2. If necessary you will get one sealing unit each as a free-of-charge replacement.

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Together with this letter you also receive an updated manual which replaces the previous version.

For verification management purposes with regard to this **urgent safety information**, please return the enclosed reply form to our fax no. **+49 7043 351360** by **April 27, 2015**. Please mark on the form whether you need a sealing unit, and if so, what type.

Please keep this information at least until the measure is completed.

The information described here must be passed on as follows:

Please make sure that in your organization all users of the aforementioned products and all other persons to be informed gain knowledge of this urgent safety information. If you have passed on the products to third parties, please also pass on a copy of this information to such third parties or inform our contact persons below.

Measures taken by the manufacturer:

This urgent safety information will be sent out to all customers concerned by April 14, 2015. Together with this safety information the changed manual will also be sent out.

The national authority in charge (*Bundesinstitut für Arzneimittel und Medizinprodukte* in Bonn) has been informed about this **urgent safety information**.

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We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the problem.

With best regards,

Richard Wolf GmbH

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Enclosure

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