

## Urgent Field Safety Notice

### EnTrust® and Escudo® VR/DR/AT ICDs

#### Patient Management Recommendations

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Dear Physician or Healthcare Professional:

This letter is to inform you of the potential for loss of high voltage and anti-tachycardia pacing therapy in EnTrust and Escudo implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs) as they near elective replacement indicator (ERI) voltage. Under certain circumstances, the device may display an immediate End of Life (EOL) Observation with no prior ERI alert. Though no ERI alert is triggered, there may not be enough remaining battery capacity to charge the high voltage circuits, resulting in an excessive charge time EOL Observation (refer to Image 1 in Appendix A), leading to a loss of high voltage and anti-tachycardia pacing therapy. Bradycardia therapies will continue to operate as expected.

Through June 15, 2018, Medtronic has confirmed 25 charge timeout events related to this issue, with no (0) patient deaths or complications. All events occurred during routine capacitor formation or in-clinic charge testing. Twenty-one (21) events occurred with no ERI alert; four (4) events followed an ERI alert. Time from implant to the devices experiencing the issue ranges from 7.9 – 11.7 years.

EnTrust and Escudo ICDs were last manufactured in 2010. Approximately 29,000 sold devices globally are in-scope of this advisory, with an estimated 2,770 of those devices remaining actively implanted worldwide. The rate of occurrence in remaining active devices is estimated to be 0.00098 in single chamber ICDs and 0.00005 in dual chamber devices.

#### Patient Management Recommendations

We realize that each patient requires unique clinical considerations. In consultation with the Independent Physician Quality Panel, Medtronic recommends the following actions:

- Consider scheduling an in-office patient follow-up as soon as possible to assess the potential for this issue per the steps described below.
- Ensure the Excessive Charge Time EOL...and the Low Battery Voltage ERI... Patient Alerts have been programmed to "On-High" (Refer to Image 2 in Appendix A).
- Instruct patients to contact your office if they hear device alert tones. Consider utilizing the "Demonstrate Tones..." function to ensure patients recognize the audible tone.
- If this issue has occurred, an "EOL: replace device immediately" Observation will be displayed on the QuickLook report. Schedule device replacement immediately.

Additionally, Medtronic recommends the following actions to help ensure patient safety and effective high voltage therapy remain as the device battery voltage approaches its **2.61V ERI threshold**.

<b>If Battery Voltage <math>\leq</math> 2.64V:</b>
Prophylactic device replacement should be strongly considered since the device is near its elective replacement and additional programming would provide only minimal additional months of service. For patients for whom it is determined that delaying replacement is clinically desirable, contact Medtronic Technical Services.
<b>If Battery Voltage <math>&gt;</math> 2.64V:</b>
<b>Step 1:</b> If the <b>Auto-Cap Formation Interval</b> is set to "Auto", reprogram the value to "6" (Refer to Image 3 in Appendix A). Change from an "Auto" value to a fixed numeric value will ensure that an excessive charge time will trigger an audible patient alert.

**Step 2:** Conduct an in-clinic manual high voltage charge in "Tests – Charge/Dump" (Refer to Image 4a in Appendix A).  
*DO NOT Dump the Test Charge as it will dissipate on its own and allow for capacitor reformation to occur.*

**Step 3:** Retrieve Data after the Test Charge (Refer to Image 4b in Appendix A)

- **If Charge Time is less than 16 seconds**, no further action is required. Continue with routine follow-up per clinic practice (recommend 3-month follow-up sessions per labeling).
- **If Charge Time is 16 seconds or longer**, or an "EOL" Observation is displayed, schedule device replacement immediately.

Please share this notification with others in your organization as appropriate.

Medtronic has notified the Competent Authority of your country of this action.

We sincerely regret any difficulties this may cause you and your patients. Medtronic remains dedicated to patient safety and will continue to monitor device performance to ensure we meet your needs and those of your patients. If you have any questions, please contact your Medtronic Representative.

Sincerely,

Local /BU Manager

## APPENDIX A PROGRAMMER OBSERVATION AND PROGRAMMING SCREENS

Image 1 - Excessive Charge Time EOL (Observation)

**OBSERVATIONS (5)**

- ATP and shock therapies will not be delivered; charge circuit inactive. Inform a Medtronic rep.
- EOL: replace device immediately.
- Patient Alert: charge time was > 30 sec.
- Patient Alert: charge circuit timeout occurred.
- Patient Activity less than 2 hr/day for 2 weeks.

Image 2 – Excessive Charge Time EOL Alert (Programming Screen)

**Patient Alert Setup**

Sound tone for:

Lead Impedance Out of Range...	Alert Enable - Urgency
Low Battery Voltage ERI...	On-High
Excessive Charge Time EOL...	On-High
Number of Shocks Delivered in an Episode...	Off
All Therapies in a Zone Exhausted for an Episode.	Off
VF Detection OFF, 3+ VF or 3+ FVT Rx Off.	On-High
Alert Time...	09:10

Buttons: **Demonstrate Tones...** **Undo Pending** **OK**

Image 3 – Programming Steps to Change Auto-Cap Formation Interval to Fixed value of 6-month intervals

**VF Therapies**

	Rx1	Rx2	Rx3	Rx4	Rx5	Rx6
VF Therapy Status	On	On	On	On	On	On
Energy	30 J	30 J	30 J	30 J	30 J	30 J
Pathway	B>AX	B>AX	B>AX	B>AX	B>AX	AX>B
ATP...	During Charging					

Shared Settings... **Auto Cap Formation...**

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**Auto Cap Formation**

Minimum Auto Cap Formation Interval: **Auto**

Note: Re-programming this parameter resets the Auto Cap Formation Interval timer.

Last Charge to Full Energy: 06-Jan-1994 04:42:11

Last Capacitor Formation: 06-Jan-1994 04:27:14

Buttons: **Undo Pending** **OK**

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**Auto Cap Formation**

Minimum Auto Cap Formation Interval: **6 month**

Note: Re-programming this parameter resets the Auto Cap Formation Interval timer.

Auto Cap Formation Interval will be extended temporarily by 30 J charges.

Last Charge to Full Energy: 06-Jan-1994 04:42:11

Last Capacitor Formation: 06-Jan-1994 04:27:14

Buttons: **Undo Pending** **OK**

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**Minimum Auto Cap Formation Interval**

Auto 1 2 3 4 5 6

-This value will not allow the device to make automatic cap formation adjustments.

Buttons: **Undo Pending** **Close**

Images 4a and 4b – Programming Screens to Conduct In-clinic High-Voltage Test Charge

72 bpm / 830 ms

ECG Lead II

EGM1: Atip/Aring

EGM2: Vtip/Vring

**Tests - Charge/Dump**

Last Charge to Full Energy: 06-Jan-1994 04:42:11

Charge Time: 4.6 sec

Energy: 0.1 - 30 J

Last Capacitor Formation\*: 06-Jan-1994 04:27:14

Buttons: **CHARGE** **DUMP**

Buttons: **Emergency** **Interrogate...** **End Session...**

72 bpm / 830 ms

ECG Lead II

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**Tests - Charge/Dump**

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Charge Time: 4.6 sec

Energy: 0.1 - 30 J

Last Capacitor Formation\*: 06-Jan-1994 04:27:14

Charge initiated...  
1. Wait for charge to complete.  
2. Retrieve Data.

Buttons: **RETRIEVE** **ABORT**

Buttons: **Emergency** **Interrogate...** **End Session...**