SAFETY ISSUE
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MISSION: Reducing Preventable Harm

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PURPOSE OF THIS NOTIFICATION

- Increase awareness of topic
- Provide actionable items to review and mitigate potential harm.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Paramedics, EMTs, EMS Providers

Nursing, Medical & other Clinical Leaders

Clinical Educators

Patient Safety/Quality Improvement Leaders

Legal/Risk Management

Organization Leaders in:

- EMS
- Hospitals
- Other emergency healthcare facilities

NEXT STEPS

- Share this watch with the target audience
- Promote daily safety briefings
- Continue to share incidents, near misses and unsafe conditions with the Center for Patient Safety

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The Center for Patient Safety is issuing this notification regarding:

SAFETY ALERT: LIFEPAK 15 Monitor/Defibrillators

BACKGROUND:

- Stryker Launches Voluntary Field Action for Specific Units of the LIFEPAK® 15 Monitor/Defibrillator.
- Stryker has become aware that certain LIFEPAK 15 Monitor/Defibrillators were reported to experience a lock-up condition after a defibrillation shock was delivered. This condition is defined as a blank monitor display with LED lights on, indicating power to the device, but no response in the keypad and device functions.
- The company is contacting customers with impacted devices to schedule the correction of their device(s), which will include an update to the firmware for a component on the System Printed Circuit Board Assembly.

ACTIONS TO TAKE DURING AN EMERGENCY:

- If a device exhibits the lockup condition during patient use, the steps from the General Troubleshooting Section (page 10-18) of the LIFEPAK 15 Monitor/Defibrillator Operating Instructions should be immediately followed:
  - Press and hold ON until the LED turns off (~5 seconds). Then press ON to turn the device back on.
  - If the device does not turn off, remove both batteries and disconnect the device from the power adapter, if applicable. Then reinsert batteries and/or, reconnect the power adapter, and press ON to turn the device back on.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Review the impacted device list at www.strykeremergencycare.com/
- Review the customer letter that provides additional information at http://www.strykeremergencycare.com/globalassets/product-notice-blocks/customer-letter/fa281-customer-letter-final-23jan2019.pdf/download
- If a customer experiences this issue, they should contact Stryker as soon as possible at 1 800 442 1142 and selecting option 7.

MORE INFO
Contact us at 573.636.1014 or view this issue at www.centerforpatientsafety.org