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Dear Patient,

This letter is intended to make you aware of important safety information for a limited number of INSIGNIA<sup>®</sup> and NEXUS<sup>®</sup> pacemakers; CONTAK RENEWAL<sup>®</sup> TR/TR 2 cardiac resynchronization therapy pacemakers (CRT-Ps); and VENTAK PRIZM<sup>®</sup> 2, VITALITY<sup>®</sup>, and VITALITY 2 implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs) manufactured by Guidant Cardiac Rhythm Management (CRM), a Boston Scientific Company.

**What Is the Problem?**

Some of these devices have been found to contain a component that may prevent the device from delivering therapy or may lead the device battery to run out before it should. These components are from select lots from a single supplier. Not all devices with this component are affected.

**What We Would Like You to Do**

We recommend that you schedule a follow-up appointment with your doctor to check your device as soon as possible. We also encourage you to talk to your doctor if you have questions about your device or this issue.

**What Guidant Will Do**

Guidant is providing doctors with additional detail about this issue. We have recommended to doctors that they schedule an in-clinic follow-up for patients who have these devices to perform a diagnostic check on the device as soon as possible.

**Questions?**

We encourage you to talk to your doctor if you have questions about your device or this letter. You are also welcome to contact Guidant Patient Services at 1.866.GUIDANT (1.866.484.3268) or write to us at:

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It matters to us that our devices perform properly and provide you the health benefits you and your doctor expect. Our surveillance is continuous. If there is a change in the safety status of any device, we will update doctors and patients. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RJR", written over a white background.

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