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Laerdal Medical Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Adapter Cable for Certain Defibrillators

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Wappingers Falls, NY – April 28, 2005 – Laerdal Medical Corporation, Wappingers Falls, New York, a subsidiary of Laerdal Medical AS, Stavanger, Norway, today announced that it is voluntarily recalling all lots of **CM 100-Heartstart Adapter Cable, Cat. No. 920650** (Adapter Cable). Wires within the defibrillator adapter cables are susceptible to breakage.

Laerdal has received reports regarding incidents of wire breakage in the Adapter Cable that prevented delivery of defibrillation shocks. The test method described in the defibrillator instructions for use will not detect internal breaks in the adapter cables. Use of these Adapter Cables should be discontinued.

The Adapter Cable allows Laerdal Heartstart brand defibrillation electrodes with snap connector to be used with HP/Agilent/Philips CodeMaster 100 and CodeMaster SL+/XL/XE defibrillators, Laerdal Heartstart 4000 defibrillators, and Philips HeartStart XLT, HeartStart XL, HeartStart MRx defibrillators.

The Adapter Cable was supplied as a standard accessory with most CodeMaster 100 defibrillators that Laerdal distributed, and was sold as an optional accessory for use with the Laerdal Heartstart 4000 automated external defibrillator (AED).

Cable Description: A 26" long black-colored "Y" configuration cable assembly with one cylindrical white two-pole connector at its base, and a patient electrode snap connector on each of the two remaining leads, one red and one white. The number 281-132-00 appears on a white label band affixed to one of the leads.

Over 3,000 Adapter Cables have been sold throughout the U.S. since 1996.

Replacement cables from Laerdal are not available. Compatible alternative cabled electrodes that do not require adapters are available from Philips Medical Systems.

This recall is being conducted with the full knowledge of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and is being facilitated for Laerdal by the National Notification Center (NNC), a professional recall contractor. Consumers with questions about the recall should contact NNC at 1-800-668-4391. Other inquiries should be addressed to Laerdal at 1-877-523-7325, or customerservice@laerdal.com.

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