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CLINICAL BULLETIN

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87	Stryker McGrath Recall & RSI Implications			September 16, 2024
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	FSTEMS	Dr. Joey Scollan	Stryker and FDA	FSTEMS (603) 223-4200

The Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services (FSTEMS) has become aware of a recent recall regarding the McGrath MAC Video Laryngoscope System from Stryker. This recall is in response to an issue within the device's battery management technology that allows the batteries to be drained to a point where the batteries themselves can become unstable and pose an explosion risk.

This recall only includes certain serial numbered devices which can be found in the FDA link below or by contacting your Stryker representative. If you have questions or concerns or experience issues with your device, contact Stryker Customer Service at (800) 787-9537, option 2 from 0800-1900 EST, Monday through Friday or by email at medtechsup@stryker.com.

Prerequisite Protocol 7.8 - Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI)

FSTEMS, along with State EMS Medical Director Joey Scollan, have considered the implications related to licensed EMS units that are authorized to perform Prerequisite Protocol 7.8 and not having video laryngoscope available while performing this procedure. Considering this recall, licensed units affected by such are instructed to do the following immediately.

- As directed by the manufacturer, take the device out of service and follow their instructions for the recall.
- Contact FSTEMS immediately identifying yourself as an affected unit. Licensed EMS units will be expected to inform FSTEMS of their plan to replace the device and give an estimated time when the device will be back in service.

Once the above has occurred, affected units will be authorized to continue their use of Prerequisite Protocol 7.8 without the availability of video laryngoscope. Licensed units and affiliated providers should be prepared in the event the RSI procedure is unsuccessful, and there is an inability to ventilate the patient, to consider Cricothyrotomy Protocol 5.6.

U.S. Food & Drug Administration Medical Device Recall –

[Laryngoscope Recall: Medtronic Removes Certain McGrath MAC Video Laryngoscopes, Updates Use Instructions for Others due to Increased Risk for Battery Overheat and Explosion | FDA](#)