ABBOTT HEARTMATE 3 LVAD UPDATE

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Dear Potential HeartMate 3 Patient,

Abbott recently shared communications with your hospital center regarding the FDA's issue of a Class I recall for the HeartMate 3 left ventricular assist device (LVAD). This Class 1 recall was issued due to possible twisting of the tubing connecting the pump to your heart, potentially causing low blood flow, and the need for a correction procedure (0.72%). This recall also provided your physicians with additional instructions on how to identify and manage this observation.

Importantly, in this case the word "recall" does not require the removal of any product and your potential new HeartMate 3 device is safe for use.

If you have any questions about this please ask your implanting surgeon or other medical professional managing your care. We want to assure you that Abbott is committed to providing the highest quality products and support.