



A Patient's Guide to the Abbott Battery Performance Alert Update

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Technological systems require updates from time to time. We have recently released an update to your implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) as part of Abbott's ongoing commitment to continuously improve patient care. Specifically, we are implementing a Battery Performance Alert that is intended to provide physicians with earlier warning of the potential for premature battery depletion due to short circuits from lithium clusters.

This update is part of Abbott's ongoing commitment to provide new patient management tools for our cardiac rhythm management (CRM) devices. In October 2016, Abbott notified physicians and patients that a subset of ICDs and cardiac resynchronization therapy defibrillator (CRT-D) devices manufactured between January 2010 and May 2015 could potentially experience premature battery depletion.

To help you understand the update, this patient guide provides responses to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). If you have any further questions about the Battery Performance Alert, please contact our dedicated hotline at 1-800-722-3774 (U.S.) or visit our website at sjm.com/batteryupdate.

1. What is the purpose of the Battery Performance Alert?

- To improve patient management, we developed a new Battery Performance Alert, which is intended to be used as a tool to provide physicians with earlier warning of premature battery depletion from short circuits due to lithium clusters in devices subject to the October 11, 2016 Medical Device Advisory for premature battery depletion.
- The alert uses an algorithm to detect abnormal battery behavior. It is important to note that the potential for premature battery depletion in the affected devices is low.

2. How will the Battery Performance Alert update happen?

- For patients who use remote monitoring, remote monitoring updates will be automatically applied resulting in regular evaluation of the battery performance of your device. You must ensure your Merlin@home™ transmitter is connected. For all patients (including those

not using remote monitoring), the battery performance of their device will also be evaluated with every in-clinic follow-up visit.

3. What do I have to do to receive the Battery Performance Update?

- The update will happen automatically. All you need to do is make sure your Merlin@home™ transmitter is connected and that you are sleeping near your transmitter.
- All battery advisory patients will have their battery performance evaluated at their next in-office clinic visit.

4. What should I do if my physician notifies me that the Battery Performance Alert has been triggered?

- You should promptly schedule a visit to your physician's office for an in-person evaluation.