

2023-10-26

**URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE**

**FSCA Reference:** 881841 - Leakage current measurement against standard 60601-62353

**FSN Type:** New

**Affected Product:** 701048012 Cardiohelp-i; 701072780 Cardiohelp-i;

**Unique Device Identifier(s) (UDI-DI):** 04037691658384; 04058863074863

**Affected Serial No.:** All Serial No.

**For Attention of:** Customers and users of the medical device listed below

Dear valued customer,

The CARDIOHELP System is a miniaturized medical perfusion system. Its general function is to drive, to control, to monitor and to protocol the extracorporeal circulation (ECC). It acts as a drive unit for a disposable tubing set, including an integrated pump and oxygenator.

The drive unit is an electro-magnetic system and is part of the base unit. It works together with a connected disposable module that integrates centrifugal pump and oxygenator. The rotor of the centrifugal pump contains magnets that are driven by the CARDIOHELP System via magnetic coupling.

**Variants of Device:**

There are two different variants of the CARDIOHELP System under three material numbers available:

- The Cardiohelp-i has the material numbers 701048012 (NONUS) and 701072780 (US) and are technically identical.

**Problem description****Problem 1**

The background of this Field Safety Corrective Action (FSCA) pertains to a nonconformance recognized in the production of the CARDIOHELP system. A production tool (viz. a cable) used to assess leakage current at the sensor panel connection/hub (Figure 1 and Figure 2) only had connection with 1 out of 16 contacts within that particular connection/hub. The root cause of the improper contact originates in an incorrect drawing of the production tool in question, resulting in an incorrectly manufactured production tool. Therefore, testing with this cable is insufficient. The insufficiency subsequently runs afoul of the EN 60601-1 Medical Electrical Equipment standard.

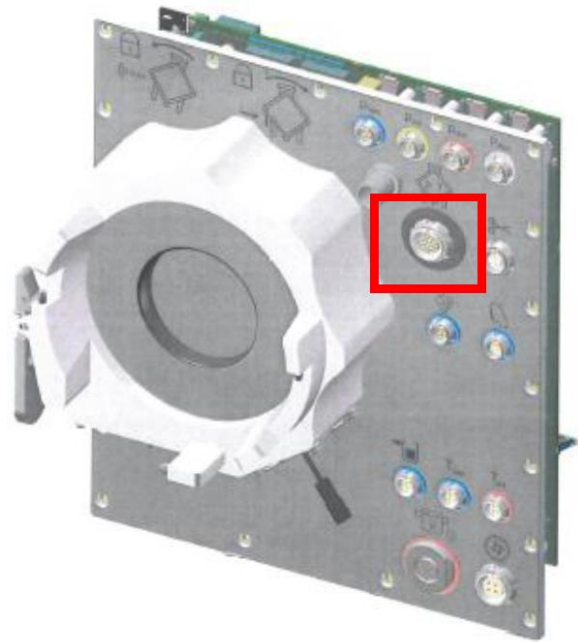


Figure 1 Sensor Panel with connection of the application part marked red

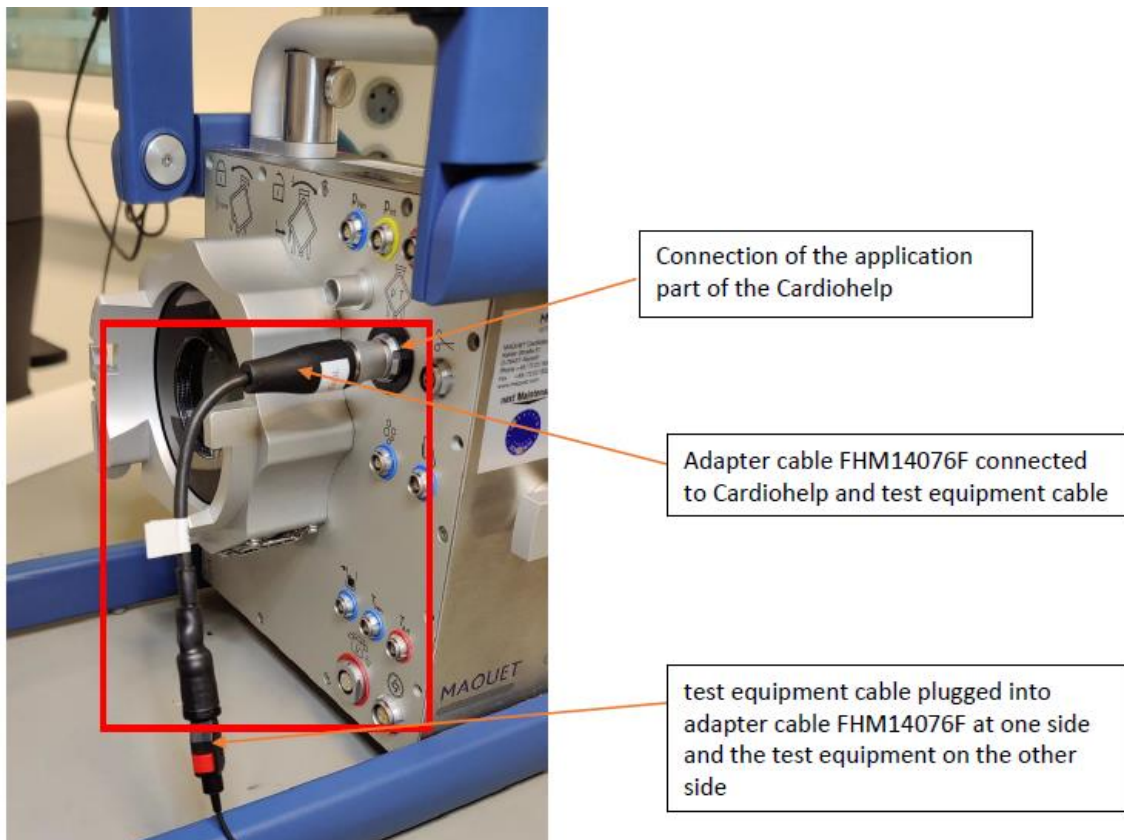


Figure 2 Attached Adapter Cable on the Cardiohelp at one side and on the other side with a cable connected to the test equipment

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**Problem 2**

An additional error was identified in the process of the investigation. When the CARDIOHELP Service Manual was created, the measurement of the patient leakage current was not taken into account. This error is unrelated and incidental to the finding explained in the previous paragraph.

**Hazardous situation and harm**

**Hazardous situation: Exposure to leakage current (Patient, User, and/or Third party)**

**Harm: No foreseeable harm(s)**

Taking into consideration the mitigating design factors (e.g., proper grounding, isolation of potential stray currents, etc.) as well as the clinically mitigating factors (e.g., nitrile gloves, current isolating footwear, etc.), it is concluded that exposure (of a patient, user, or third party) to 50  $\mu$ A (or less) would be physiologically and clinically insignificant. Therefore, it is unlikely that an exposure to 50  $\mu$ A (or less) leakage current would carry with it any immediate and/or long-range consequences.

Maquet Cardiopulmonary GmbH has not identified any complaints of patient harm, serious injuries, or deaths due to the failure modes described above.

**Action to be taken by the user:**  Identify Device

- According to our post-market surveillance documentation, you may have products affected by this action. Please examine your inventory immediately to determine, if you have any affected product in your inventory.
- **Affected CARDIOHELP-i are not requested to be returned and can be used as usual.**
- A local Getinge representative will contact you to arrange the Electrical Safety Test according to IEC 62353 of the Cardiohelp-I and subsequent repair, if necessary. Please ensure that the affected device will be made available for the necessary verification as per scheduled date.
- Please always report any adverse events, e.g. leakage current related to the affected products, to your Getinge representative.
- Duly fill out the enclosed Letter of Acknowledgement and return it to your local Getinge representative by **December 15th, 2023**, the latest. Please give **FSCA-881841** as reference in the subject line of your email

**Action to be taken by the Manufacturer:**  On-site device modification/ inspection

- Inform all customers possessing the affected products promptly about this Field Action by sending the Field Safety Notice for Customers.
- Contact the customer to arrange the performance of the Electrical Safety Test according to IEC 62353 and subsequent repair, if necessary or the return of the Cardiohelp-i to a Getinge representative.

**Enclosed documents:**

- Customer Response Form

**Transmission of the Field Safety Notice**

- Please ensure in your organization that all users of the above-mentioned products and other people to be informed are made aware of this urgent Field Safety Notice.
- Please transfer this notice to other organizations on which the action has an impact.
- If you have given the products to third parties, please forward a copy of this information or inform the contact person indicated below.
- Please maintain awareness on the notice and resulting actions for an appropriate period to ensure effectiveness of the corrective action.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and will do our utmost to carry through this action as swiftly as possible.

As required, we have provided this notification to the necessary Regulatory Agencies.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact your local Getinge representative, or send an e-mail to [FSCA.cp@getinge.com](mailto:FSCA.cp@getinge.com).

Sincerely,

**Managing Director**

**Signature:** *Dieter Engel*

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Reason: I approve this document.  
Date: Oct 26, 2023 13:28 GMT+2*

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**Person Responsible for Regulatory  
Compliance (PRRC)**

**Signature:** *Tom Peters*

*Electronically signed by: Tom Peters  
Reason: I approve this document.  
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CUSTOMER RESPONSE FORM

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**Affected Product:** 701048012 Cardiohelp-I; 701072780 Cardiohelp-I;

**Affected Serial No.:** All Serial No.

Please send this form at the latest by December 15th, 2023.

By completing this document and signing it, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the following associated points:

- I have read and understand this Field Safety Notice for affected products Cardiohelp. We will take action as soon as possible according to given instructions.
  - I confirm that I have distributed this Field Safety Notice to the affected personal.
- I do not have Cardiohelp High/ Low Voltage in my inventory.
- I have the following Cardiohelp High/ Low Voltage in my inventory and
- I have a Maintenance Contract with Getinge or authorized representative.
  - I do not have a Maintenance Contract with Getinge or authorized representative.

Following affected products are in our inventory:

REF	Article Number	Description	Serial Number	Quantity

Your Comments:

Country

Hospital / Clinic (full address)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Function) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed form to your local Getinge representative by email [FSCA.cp@getinge.com](mailto:FSCA.cp@getinge.com).

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