

URGENT- Field Safety Notice

PENTARAY® NAV Catheters, PENTARAY® NAV eco Catheters

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Dear Valued Customer,

Biosense Webster, Inc (BWI) is sharing important information about the use of PENTARAY® NAV and PENTARAY® NAV eco Catheters (the “PENTARAY® Catheters”) due to three (3) reports of the catheters becoming entrapped in the cardiac valvular apparatus and requiring surgical intervention. BWI is providing additional guidance on use of the product to avoid or address this issue during the procedure. This product is not being removed from the field and does not need to be returned.

BWI continuously monitors the performance of our products to help ensure patient safety. As part of our ongoing post-market surveillance review, BWI identified three (3) complaints in 2019 that were immediately and thoroughly investigated. The complaints indicated that a PENTARAY® Catheter had become entrapped in the cardiac valvular apparatus while the physician was attempting to create an electroanatomic map, leading to the need for surgical intervention for removal. The estimated rate of occurrence for surgical removal due to entrapment of the PENTARAY® Catheter is 0.0008% based on our complaint data.

While valvular damage is listed as a potential complication in the current IFU, there is no specific mention of the need for surgical intervention so we are contacting customers to raise awareness and share measures to help avoid or address entrapment. A precaution on avoiding entrapment will be included in the next labeling update for the PENTARAY® Catheter.

BWI has performed an extensive investigation into this issue. Following are learnings that users of this product should be aware of to avoid or address entrapment:

- Repeated rotation of the PENTARAY® Catheter near the valvular apparatus may result in the entanglement of the product spines and further rotation could result in entrapment, leading to the need for surgical intervention.
- A common use scenario for repeated rotation leading to entanglement may occur during mapping of the right ventricle and accessing of the right ventricular outflow tract using clockwise rotation. Caution should be exercised with manipulation to avoid spine entanglement with valvular structures.
- Entanglement of the PENTARAY® Catheter can be identified by resistance felt by the user and a lack of movement of the spines during manipulation, which can be seen via the CARTO® 3 System or by fluoroscopy. The device may appear in a “broom-like” configuration (refer to figure 1 in the next page) with entangled spines pointing in a single direction. With opposite manipulation (e.g. counterclockwise rotation for initial clockwise rotation), it may be possible to free the entangled device for safe removal.

- Do not use excessive force to remove the device when entangled or entrapped as it may lead to damage to the cardiac structures or to the device.

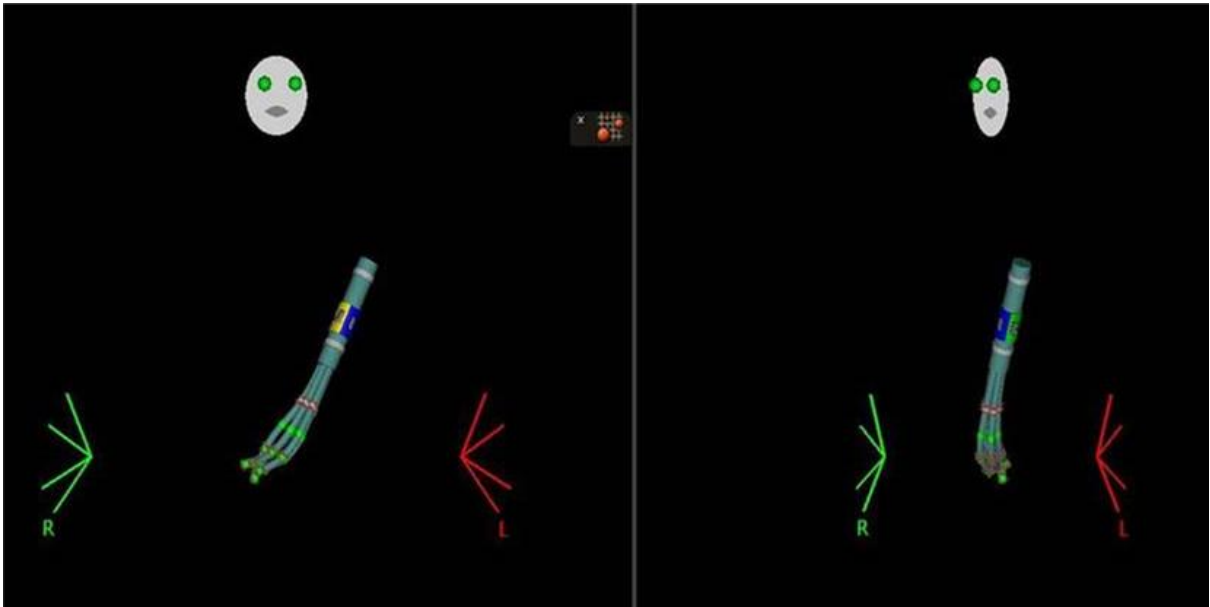


Figure 1- Example of “Broom-like” Configuration

Our records indicate that you may have ordered or are a user of this product.

Next Steps (hospital letter):

1. Please maintain awareness of this letter and pass it on to anyone in your facility that needs to be informed.
2. Please complete, sign, and **return the Business Reply Form.**

We have communicated this information to the applicable regulatory authorities.

Sincerely,

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