

Email to Nedyalko Radev 19/01/12 09:27

URGENT

Dear Ned

We have received the following message from a UK hospital last night. This customer has been using the flow sensors for about 18 months:

We have experienced an incident involving one of your Flowsensor A flow sensors fitted to a Draeger Evita XL ventilator. The sensor caught fire shortly after being fitted (new sensor). The MHRA have been informed as have Draeger. We are currently awaiting instruction from MHRA.

Before I contact the MHRA and request an incident report - are you aware of this happening before or if it could happen?

If it proves to be that the sensor is at fault we will probably have to conduct a full product recall and cease selling the product. Obviously Draeger will be aware of this.

Steve

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Ned unaware of this happening before. Our initial conclusion was maybe the sensor was cleaned with a flammable solution.

There is nothing in the sensor design or construction, which could cause the problem. The platinum wire is procured from the same manufacturer that Draeger use. The 'hot' wire sensor could ignite if there was a contaminate or fuel source from say cleaning the sensor, ventilator circuit or ventilator; or from ventilator servicing...

Telephone call to Mr Doug McIvor (MHRA) 19/01/12 09:50

No reply, left voicemail request from McIvor to return the call.