

Was Your Heart Device Recalled?

Two of the largest manufacturers of heart devices, Guidant Corporation and Medtronic Incorporated, along with the FDA, have issued recalls and notices to warn users of these unsafe products.

Medtronic Incorporated Heart Devices

In February 2005, Medtronic recalled approximately 87,000 devices. Two types of Medtronic implanted heart devices were recalled:

- **Implanted Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDs)** - used to treat heart rhythms that are abnormally fast.
- **Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Defibrillators (CRT-Ds)** - used to treat heart failure.

Guidant Corporation Heart Devices

Beginning in May 2005 Guidant began issuing a series of recalls. By 2006 Guidant had recalled over 100,000 devices in the United States. Guidant's devices have different problems with different devices, some more serious than others. Three types of implanted Guidant devices are subject to recalls:

- **Implanted Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDs)** - used to treat heart rhythms that are abnormally fast.
- **Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Defibrillators (CRT-Ds)** - used to treat heart failure.
- **Cardiac Pacemakers** - used to manage a heartbeat that is too low.

If your implanted heart device is part of the recall, please contact your physician immediately. For more information, contact us for a free legal consultation.