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Important information for our customers

Please forward this information to all users of the products mentioned below!

Concerned product: Mobile O.R. table 1131.12X0, BETASTAR

Subject: Application of extension plates (1131.31X0, 1131.55X0, 1132.31X0, 1132.55X0) and the transfer board 1132.65X0 at the O.R. table top

Dear Sir or Madam,

In the course of our continuous product watch we discovered cases in which safe locking of certain accessories attached at one of the table top connections cannot be ensured. We must assume that further products are affected by this problem. According to our sales documentation O.R. tables delivered to your hospital could also be affected.

As per our internal records O.R. tables 1131.12XB0 with the serial numbers are concerned. The type label with the serial number is located at the O.R. table underneath the table top – see picture.

The following pictures show accessories permitted for application with patient positioning NORMAL and REVERSE.

The described problem can only occur at the connections located above the short part part of the base and only if one of the extension plates 1131.31X0, 1131.55X0, 1132.31X0, 1132.55X0 or the transfer board 1132.65X0 is used.

Since we are concerned about safety of patients, staff and other persons, we must ask you to no longer use above accessories at the O.R. table as long as it has not been ensured that the locking function has been inspected and found to work safely.

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To test the locking function please insert the extension plate into the connection holes up to the stop. Check to see that the locking is engaged in that you try to remove the extension plate without actuating the release levers. If the posts can be pulled out of the boreholes, the O.R. table is no longer to be used with this accessory – also if only one side does not lock properly.

The accessories can still be applied at the opposite end of the table top as these connectors are not affected by the described problem. Other accessories may be used further directly at the faulty connector holes as shown in the pictures because a different locking mechanism is used for them.

To avoid any risk it is essential that a technical modification is made at affected connectors of O.R. tables in your location. The service organisation which is responsible for your area will contact you to arrange for the service work to be carried out. The modification work will be free of charge.

We regret causing inconvenience. However, we consider this action a preventive measure for increasing safety.

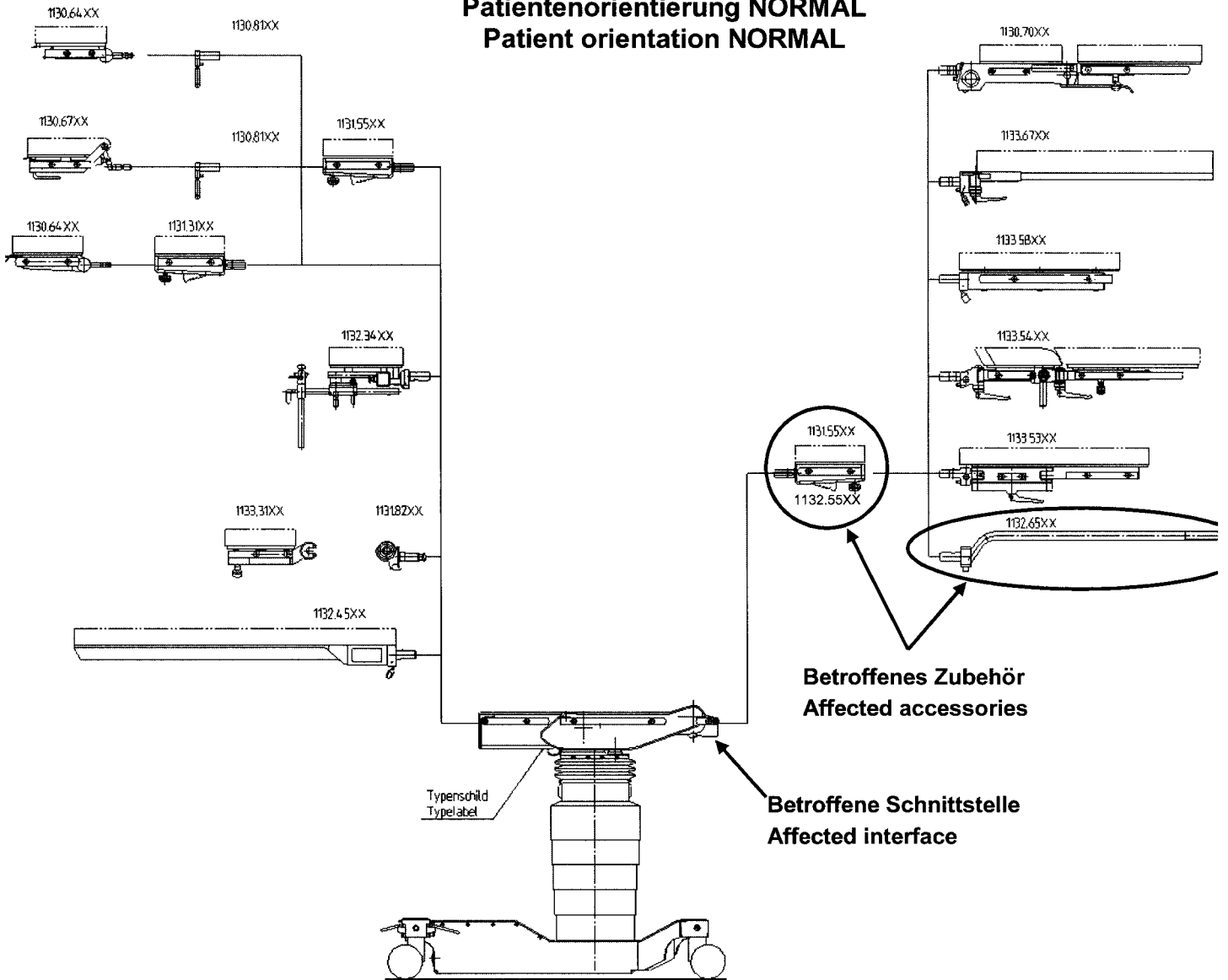
Yours sincerely

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Safety inspector

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