

URGENT MEDICAL DEVICE CORRECTION URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

Subject: Additional Safeguards available to Users of Conical Collimator Accessories for Radiosurgery Treatments

Commercial Name of Affected Product: Clinac, Trilogy, Trilogy Tx and Novalis Tx

Reference / FSCA Identifier: CP-01891, 2011 release

Date of Notification: **2011-08-2**

Type of Action: Notification and Correction

Details on Affected Devices: Refer to appendices pages.

Description of Problem:

In a warning dated in October 2009, Varian Medical Systems notified users of all C-Series Clinac, Trilogy, Trilogy Tx and Novalis Tx platforms, advising of risks when using conical collimator accessories with these platforms for Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) treatments.

That notification was in response to Varian becoming aware of incidents in which SRS treatments had taken place with the intended conical collimator accessory not installed, or with the conical collimator accessory correctly mounted, but with a primary collimator field size setting which exceeded the outside diameter of the conical collimator.

Details:

Previous Mitigations and Actions

Varian previously advised users performing treatments using conical collimator accessories to establish Quality Assurance (QA) protocols which:

1. Ensured the correct conical collimator and conical collimator mount was in place prior to initiating treatment.
2. Ensured the field size setting was correctly within (smaller than) the outside diameter of the conical collimator accessory in use.
3. Verified that the treatment planning system and/or patient data system features intended to ensure correct prescription definition and transfer are enabled and operating correctly.

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Varian previously took the following actions:

1. Notified potentially affected customers of Varian products with the October 2009 letter.
2. Distributed a safety warning decal with CTB-ZM-783 in January 2011 to Varian C-Series customers that attaches to the conical collimator mount or Clinac Interface Mount to help reinforce the October 2009 warnings at the time of treatment.
3. Added a warning to the Clinac Safety Manual about checking the primary field size when using conical collimator accessories.
4. Continued to investigate technical means for improving verification of accessories.

New Mitigation and Actions

As a result of Varian's continued investigation of technical means for improving verification of accessories as described above, Varian has now developed a new system called Barcode Conical Collimator Verification (BCCV). It includes a wireless hand-held barcode scanner to be used inside the treatment room in conjunction with barcode decals that adhere directly to the conical collimators and conical collimator mount. BCCV allows facilities to configure their systems such that the conical collimator mount, the conical collimator(s) as defined in the treatment plan and the primary collimator jaws ("field size") are within user-defined limits.

BCCV is an add-on that will be provided at no additional charge to any institution meeting the configurations below. This add-on will require approximately four (4) hours to install. On-line user training and dedicated Instructions For Use (IFU) are also included at no additional charge.

Recommended User Action

Please contact your Varian Customer Support District or Regional Manager to request the BCCV add-on free of charge if:

1. The serial number of your Varian linear accelerator is in Appendix A
2. You are using Brainlab, Integra or other third-party conical collimators
3. Your accelerator is configured with 4D ITC (all versions)
4. You have ARIA v.8.0 or higher
OR
VARiS Vision v.6.5 or higher
OR
Elekta (IMPAC) MOSAIQ™ 1.6 or higher

Note that some configurations may have limitations.

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Please contact the Varian Oncology Help Desk using the information provided below, if you have any questions about this notification or would like additional information about your use of conical collimators or BCCV.

Varian Actions:

Customers of the linear accelerator serial numbers in Appendix B "LIST OF AFFECTED DEVICE SERIAL NUMBERS." will be contacted by Varian to install this BCCV add-on provided that the following minimum compatibility requirements are met and pending local National Regulatory clearance for product distribution:

1. Varian linear accelerators using Varian (Zmed) Conical Collimators
OR
Varian Trilogy, Trilogy Tx, or Novalis Tx platforms used with Brainlab Conical Collimators
2. 4D ITC (all versions)
3. ARIA v.8.0 or higher
OR
VARiS Vision v.6.5 or higher
OR
Elekta (IMPAC) MOSAIQ™ 1.6 or higher


Note that some configurations may have limitations.

MOSAIQ users should contact Elekta directly to apply the required configuration settings, or for related questions. If you do not meet the minimum compatibility requirements and wish to obtain further information about BCCV, contact the Varian Oncology Help Desk using the information provided below.

Please advise the appropriate personnel working in your radiotherapy department of the content of this letter.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you require further clarification, please feel free to contact your local Varian Customer Support District or Regional Manager.

The undersigned confirms that this notice has been provided to the appropriate Regulatory Agency.



Manager Reporting and Corrections

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Date

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