



July 31, 2006

RX Accunet™ Embolic Protection System Shelf Life Extension to Two Years

This extension applies to U.S. Distributed Product labeled to expire July 2006 [2006-07] – May 2007 [2007-05] with lot numbers between 5081251 and 6063051.

Dear Valued Abbott Vascular Customer,

Our records indicate that product currently on your shelf, built between August 2005 and June 2006, is labeled for 1-year shelf life and has now met the requirements to be labeled for one additional year of shelf life. The example below shows where to find the expiration date of the product (2006-11 in the example).

RX ACCUNET™ 7.5 mm x 190 cm



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(01) 0 0802526 43490 7 REF 1011649-75



(17) 061130 (10) 5122151 (91) 3002

~~2006-11~~ ~~2005-12~~ ~~Lot 5122151~~

Expiration Date

In order to avoid disruption of your supply, Abbott Vascular offers two options for managing this inventory. One option is Abbott Vascular's existing policy for return and replacement. A second option is to review this letter with your Abbott Vascular Sales Representative, retain this letter in a convenient location for ease of reference, and adhere the provided "RX Accunet™ Reference Letter" stickers on affected RX Accunet™ Embolic Protection System product.

This letter is a reminder of updated product expiration. Additional copies may be obtained through your sales representative or online at www.guidant.com/ifu near the RX Accunet™ IFU. At the end of the updated 2-year shelf life, please follow your standard practices for removing expired product from the lab. You may discard this letter after May 31st, 2008.

Sincerely,

Anisha Antony
Product Manager, Carotid

Issued by:

Iskra Mrakovic
Abbott Vascular Regulatory Affairs Representative

Aug. 8, 2006
Date