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Dear Health Care Professional,

## Subject: Licence Suspension of the Digital Motion X-ray system

On December 20<sup>th</sup> 2011, Health Canada suspended the medical device licence for the Digital Motion X-ray System, manufactured by DMX-Works Inc., because it presents significant safety risks to patients and users. The licence suspension means that DMX-Works Inc. may no longer sell the device in Canada. Health Canada strongly recommends that healthcare professionals stop using the Digital Motion X-Ray system immediately.

The Digital Motion X-ray system (DMX) is a fluoroscopic X-ray system which allows clinicians to view X-ray images of the body in real-time motion.

The following issues have been identified:

- Compliance with the Canadian Radiation Emitting Devices Regulations,
   Schedule II, Part XII could not be verified.
- The X-ray system does not provide quantitative information regarding the radiation output of the device, leading to unknown radiation doses to patients, operators and surrounding staff.
- The instructions for use fail to provide information necessary for optimizing
  the radiation exposures to patients and minimizing exposures to operators and
  surrounding staff, consistent with the principle that radiation exposure should
  be as low as reasonably achievable.
- The indications for use include headaches, blurred vision, throat swelling, neck pain and a negative previous imaging test. These relatively minor conditions do not justify the radiation exposure involved with this device.

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• The device's user manual is deficient in essential information to mitigate certain risks to patients, operators and surrounding staff.

Health Canada is unable to conclude that the diagnostic benefits of this medical device outweigh its risks.

Health Canada strongly recommends that healthcare professionals who own or operate a Digital Motion X-Ray system stop using it immediately.

Should you have any further questions or require clarification with respect to the content of this letter, please contact: Dr. Philip Neufeld, Acting Manager, Device Evaluation Division at (613) 954-0298 or by e-mail at philip.neufeld@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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