

## Patient Safety ALERT:

# Likorall 250 Over Head Hoist – Risk of spreader arm clip failure causing hoist sling detachment

There is a risk of Liko hoist spreader arm safety clip failure causing the hoist sling to detach. The safety clips must be securely in place to prevent the sling slipping up the spreader arm.

With sling in situ ensure all sling loops have passed through the clips. Raise the boom to take up the tension. Check all loops and clips are correctly positioned.

Incidents have occurred where clips have come away from the spreader arm. Should this occur:

- Do not continue to use the hoist.
- Label the hoist as 'Out of Order' and inform the nurse in charge.
- Complete an Incident Report Form (Datix).
- Report issue to Hillrom Customer Service on 01530 411 000 (8:00-17:15 weekdays). Out of hours a message can be left.



All sling loops should be fed through the clip



If the safety clip pin detaches and 'pings off'. Do not use, label 'out of order'. Complete an incident report (Datix). Report to Hillrom.

Further information on this alert can be provided by Lesley Wonnacott, Back Care Advisor on ext: 4126 or by email [lesley.wonnacott@nhs.net](mailto:lesley.wonnacott@nhs.net)

**FOR URGENT ACTION BY MANAGERS**

- Ensure that ALL STAFF are informed of the patient safety alert
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