

PRODUCT BULLETIN #3163

To: Our Valued Hemodialysis Customers

From: Michael Verguldi, Product Manager - Medical

Date: July 29, 2010

Subject: **AKS-BM Series Bicarbonate Mixers**

Background

The AKS-BM Series Bicarbonate Mixer systems were originally designed and manufactured by G.E.M. Water Systems, Int'l, LLC, based in Los Angeles, CA. The AKS-BM systems are used in the dialysis marketplace to mix and/or distribute bicarbonate solution. The series offers a wide product selection from single tank mix units to dual tank mix and distribution units. It was determined that soon after the acquisition by Cantel Medical's Mar Cor Purification (MCP) subsidiary; the complete line of mixers would be discontinued. The AKS-BM units will be replaced with a similar product line known as the MCB Systems. Other systems such as the SDS and PSDS units are also available.

Action

As of December 31, 2010 we will no longer be offering and manufacturing the AKS-BM Series of Bicarbonate Mixers. MCP will not update, modify, or do any other type of improvements on these products unless dictated by safety concerns to the operator or the patient. MCP will continue to provide product support and technical assistance as needed until the date listed below. MCP reserves the right to discontinue product support at any time if manufacturing or product availability has been compromised. Customers can continue to receive product assistance on these mixers by contacting Technical Support at Ext. 2904 or through the local Buena Park office at 800-755-1707. Technical documentation and information will remain available.

Starting July 1, 2018 MCP will no longer support the AKS-BM devices with parts and/or technical and field assistance. At that time the use of the product is at the risk by the user since parts and technical support will no longer be available. Complaints concerning these products will not be taken into consideration after this date. Customers are advised to contact their local Sales Representative for available bicarbonate mix and/or mix and delivery systems.

Effective Date

December 31, 2010