

# FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

**Commercial Name:** TIGR<sup>®</sup> Matrix Surgical Mesh

**FSCA Identifier:** 2016-d-001

**Type of Action:** Safety Notification

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**Date:** 11 May 2016

**Attention:** Clinician

**Details of affected product:**

TIGR<sup>®</sup> Matrix Surgical Mesh is a synthetic long term resorbable surgical mesh.

**Description of the problem:**

This safety notification is not a result from a malfunction or defect in the product, but is related to how the product package is handled. Novus Scientific AB has become aware that there have been users that have not followed the product's Instructions for Use (IFU) and assumed that the outside of the inner pouch is sterile. Incorrectly assuming that the inner pouch is sterile on the outside can result in a risk that the sterile field is contaminated. Novus Scientific AB has no evidence that this potential risk has actually resulted in any adverse event.

TIGR<sup>®</sup> Matrix Surgical Mesh is double packed with an outer pouch and an inner pouch. The outer pouch is made of aluminum foil and functions as a moisture barrier preventing degradation of the product. The inner pouch functions as a sterile barrier, preserving the sterility of the product. The outside of the inner pouch is however non-sterile.

**Action to be taken by the user:**

Preparation for use shall be performed as described in the IFU:

1. Open the outer aluminum foil and remove the inner pouch containing the product. Be aware that the inner pouch is non-sterile on the outside.
2. Carefully open the inner pouch containing the mesh.
3. Aseptically remove the mesh from the inner pouch using sterile, gloved hands or sterile forceps and place the mesh in the sterile field

**Transmission of this Field Safety Notice:**

This notice shall be passed on to all those who need to be aware within your organization or to any organization where TIGR<sup>®</sup> Matrix Surgical Mesh has been transferred.

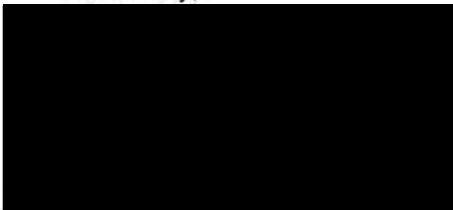
**Contact reference person:**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Novus Scientific AB (+46 (0)18 700 11 50).

Novus Scientific AB has communicated this Field Safety Notice to appropriate regulatory authorities.

Please be assured that maintaining a high level of safety and quality is our highest priority.

Sincerely,



Novus Scientific AB

**FIELD SAFETY CORRECTIVE ACTION ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

DATE

NAME

ADDRESS

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Description: TIGR<sup>®</sup> Matrix Surgical Mesh

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I have received the notification from Novus Scientific AB dated 11 May 2016 stating that they initiated a Field Safety Corrective Action of the above referenced product. I have read and understood the notification and will comply with its instructions.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed name