IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
PLEASE STOP USING CARDIOGEN-82 (Rubidium Rb 82 Generator)
IMMEDIATELY

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Dear CardioGen User:

On July 13, Bracco Diagnostics Inc. sent you a communication informing you about two reports of unexpected radiation in patients who had undergone PET myocardial perfusion imaging procedures with CardioGen-82® (Rubidium Rb 82 Generator). These individuals were traveling to/from the United States and, when crossing the border, radiation detectors detected gamma radiation emanating from them in an amount that apparently was not consistent with anticipated background levels.

As a precaution, we ask you to immediately stop using CardioGen-82.

Bracco is voluntarily initiating a recall of CardioGen-82.

Details about the recall will be provided as soon as they are available.

We at Bracco recognize that the immediate discontinuation and recall of CardioGen-82 will cause disruption in how you conduct cardiac PET procedures, but we believe that this is an appropriate precaution to take.

We realize the challenges this presents and sincerely appreciate your understanding and patience.

If you have any questions or for further information, please contact Kathleen Quince at 609-514-2595 or 800-257-5181 option 2.

Sincerely,

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