



**Fw: Web publishing request - Four joint implant web statements  
[DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]**

to: recalls

30/10/2012 12:05 PM

Can you print and include the appropriate documents in each file.

Best regards,

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From:   
To: TGA WEBSITE@TTRA  
Cc: News@health.gov.au, #TGA Executive,  
gsupc@tga.gov.au  
Date: 29/10/2012 04:43 PM  
Subject: Web publishing request - Four joint implant web statements [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

TGA website

Approval under subsection 61 (7) of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989

Under subsection 61(7) of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, the delegate of the Secretary may release to the public therapeutic goods information where release is necessary to ensure the safe use of particular therapeutic goods or relating to the reasons for withdrawal of therapeutic goods from supply.

In relation to issues with the Apex K2 Modular Hip Replacement System, the Durom Acetabular Component, The Birmingham Hip Modular Head (BHR), and the SMR L2 Metal Back Glenoid Component I, as delegate of the Secretary for the purposes of section 61 of the Act, approve under section 61(7) of the Act the release to the public of the therapeutic goods information relating to these actions as set out below.

Also below are the hover text requests.

Noting the size of this can you estimate when they might go up on the TGA website noting they do not need to go up today!

Thanks

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Also, here are the hover text definitions requested:

Total conventional hip replacement: A procedure in which the femoral head (the 'ball' part of the thigh bone) is replaced with an implant that has a stem going down inside the thigh bone. A matching cup is placed in the acetabulum (the 'socket' part of the joint).

Resurfacing hip replacement :A procedure in which only the surface of the femoral head (the 'ball' part of the thigh bone) is removed and a hollow cap is placed over it. A matching cup is placed in the acetabulum (the 'socket' part of the joint).

Lysis: Bone loss.

Rotator cuff: The group of muscles and tendons that stabilise and control rotation of the shoulder.

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Monitoring and Compliance Group

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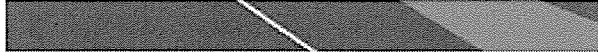
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From: [Redacted]  
To: [Redacted]  
Date: 29/10/2012 03:17 PM  
Subject: RE: Web publishing request - Four joint implant web statements [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

[Redacted]  
Can you send me the 4 web statements as both TRIM links and as word documents so when I send it to TGA website I can inform the CMO and Kay  
Thanks  
[Redacted]



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To : [Redacted]  
Cc : [Redacted]  
Sent on : 29/10/2012 03:07:12 PM  
Subject : Fw: Web publishing request - Four joint implant web statements [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi [Redacted]

Further to our earlier correspondence, I have set up the web publishing request (see below).

When you are ready to sign off, could you please forward the documents to [tga.website@tga.gov.au](mailto:tga.website@tga.gov.au) indicating your approval.

Thank you,



[Redacted]  
Office of Product Review  
Monitoring and Compliance Group

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### TGA web publishing request

Thank you for submitting a web publishing request form. Please forward this email to the clearance officer nominated in the form, and ask this officer to forward the final version to tga.website@tga.gov.au indicating their approval.

If you have any questions, please contact TGA website by email or by calling (02) 6232 8509.

#### Job details

Internet or  
TGAnet update: Internet  
Job type: New content  
Job description: Please find attached four web statements on joint implants (three hip implants and one for shoulders) to be published on the TGA website in the Alerts section.  
Publish date: Standard timeframe  
Primary Consumers  
audience: Health professionals  
Show in What's  
New? Yes

#### Contact person

Contact name: [Redacted]  
Contact email: [Redacted]  
Area: Monitoring and Compliance Group  
Office: Office of Product Review  
Section: Management and Coordination (OPR)  
Contact  
telephone: [Redacted]

#### Approval

Approving officer: [Redacted]

Other comments



Web statement - Apex K2 Modular Hip Replacement System.DOCX



TRIM Link - Web statement - Apex K2 Modular Hip Replacement System.tr5



Web statement - Durom Acetabular Component.DOCX



TRIM Link - Web statement - Durom Acetabular Component.tr5 Web statement - BHR.DOCX



TRIM Link - Web statement - BHR.tr5 Web statement - SMR L2 Metal Back Glenoid Component.DOCX

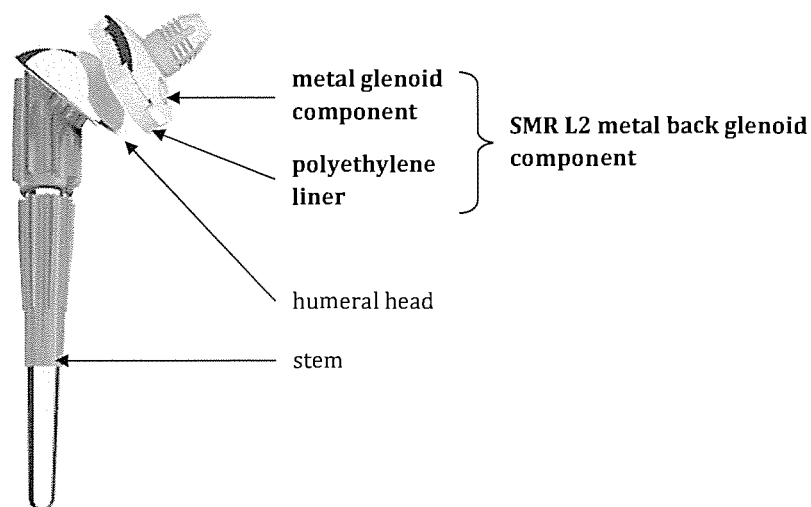


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# SMR L2 Metal Back Glenoid Component (used in shoulder replacements)—product discontinued

The Shoulder Modular Replacement (SMR), sponsored by Lima Orthopaedics Australia, is an implant used in shoulder replacements. It consists of a metal glenoid component, a polyethylene liner, a humeral head and a stem.

The metal glenoid component and polyethylene liner together comprise the SMR L2 Metal Back Glenoid Component (see diagram below).



The TGA advises health professionals and patients that the SMR L2 Metal Back Glenoid Component has been discontinued. Data collected by the Australian National Joint Replacement Registry (NJRR) revealed that the SMR had a higher than expected revision rate. The TGA contacted Lima Orthopaedics Australia, whose subsequent investigations revealed that under certain conditions, for example: rotator cuff failure or patient trauma, the SM L2 Metal Back Glenoid Component's polyethylene liner could become detached from the glenoid component, and that this had increased the revision rate of the SMR. As a result, the SMR L2 Metal Back Glenoid Component has been discontinued.

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The L2 was introduced in 2009 in response to concerns that the polyethylene liner in the L1 version could wear down and lead to metal-on-metal contact. Subsequently, very few cases of polyethylene wear have actually been observed with the L1 design.

The TGA's routine processes involve close analysis of NJRR annual reports, together with review of internal incident reports and consideration of external specialist advice.

## Information for consumers

Liner disassociation is most often linked to sport or exercise, a traumatic event, or failure of the rotator cuff. Patients are reminded that strenuous exercise or sporting activity can impact the longevity of a joint replacement.

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Contact your general practitioner/surgeon if you experience any of the following at the site of your shoulder replacement:

- pain
- limited range of motion
- a 'squeaking', 'clicking' or 'grinding' sensation.

Each patient's circumstances are different and the TGA cannot give individual clinical advice regarding the SMR L2 Metal Back Glenoid Component.

## Information for orthopaedic surgeons

Given the nature of the problem, there is no urgent need to contact patients who have received an L2 version of the SMR Metal Back Glenoid Component. However, it is recommended that those patients be followed up according to their routine protocol and advised of this issue at that stage.

If a patient presents with pain, a limited range of motion and/or complaining of a 'squeaking', 'clicking' or 'grinding' sensation at the site of their shoulder replacement, assess the component and follow your established protocols.

Lima Orthopaedics Australia has sent a hazard alert regarding the disassociation risk to all surgeons who have used this shoulder replacement system.

## Information for all health professionals

Patients with any shoulder replacement should be followed up by the implanting orthopaedic surgeon if possible, particularly if the patient complains of pain, limited range of motion, or a 'squeaking', 'clicking' or 'grinding' sensation associated with their shoulder implant and surgery.

## Technical information

The TGA monitors the safety and performance of orthopaedic implants using data collected by the NJRR since 2006. This and other recent hazard alerts relating to hip replacement implants have arisen from the TGA's routine processes involving close

analysis of the NJRR annual reports, together with review of internal incident reports and consideration of external specialist advice.

The annual reports of the NJRR and detailed information about implants that were identified as having higher than expected revision rates going back a number of years are available the [NJRR website](#).

Lima Orthopaedics Australia has monitored the performance of the L2 component since introduction and has found that the total revision rate of the component in Australia is 6.78% at 3 years.

Based on these findings, Lima Orthopaedics Australia is of the view that the L2 liner is not performing as well as the original L1. As a result, only L1 components have been available since 6 August 2012.

## Reporting problems

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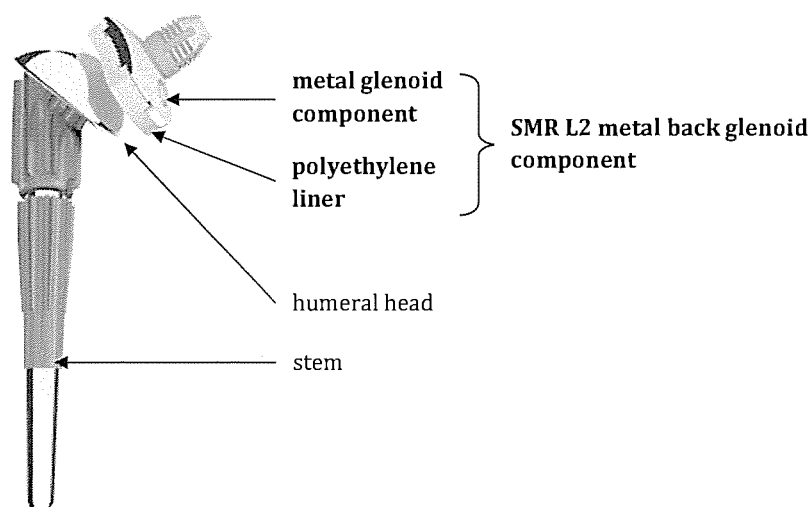
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