

# Warning

## Electric Heating Pad Burns and Recalls

Electric heating pads are dangerous and should not be used to treat **chronic pain**. The FDA and several medical publications strongly discourage the use of electric heating pads with patients who are elderly, have diabetes, or are on oxygen. **The safe alternative is Medicare code E0217.**



**FDA Warns Home Health Agencies To Not Use Electric Heating Pads  
Advises Instead To Use Hospital Approved Heat Therapy Systems**  
FDA/CPSC Public Health Advisory Dec 1995: Hazards associated with the use of electric heating pads

**FDA Announces Electric Heating Pads Are Enforcement Priority  
Warns US Market Flooded With Unsafe Electric Heating Pads**  
FDA News, November 2007: CDRH Highlights Fiscal 2008 Enforcement Priorities

**FDA Recalls 300,000 Class 1 Electric Heating Pads  
Loose Connection May Cause Short Circuit. Risk of Burn Injuries or Fire.**  
FDA Recalls: <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/recalls/recall-020907.html>

### Medicare E0217 The Safe Alternative

- Chronic pain patients may qualify for E0217 if
- ★ They require regular treatment periods exceeding 30 minutes and
  - ★ Have a condition that requires prolonged full weight contact with the heating device such as sitting or sleeping on heating pad (i.e. low back pain, hip, shoulder) or
  - ★ Have diabetes or insensate body parts or
  - ★ Are on oxygen or
  - ★ Are incontinent

### Adroit HTP-1500 Heat Therapy Pump FDA 510k & Medicare Approved E0217

