

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

## In other news

If a medical supplier offers you a financial incentive to use its products, turn around and walk the other way, because the OIG is watching and it's not worth the risk.

That's the takeaway from a recent case involving Biotronik Inc., which paid \$4.9 million last week to resolve accusations that it paid kickbacks to doctors to encourage them to use the company's pacemakers, defibrillators and CRT devices. A Biotronik employee blew the whistle on his employer and will receive about \$840,000 in exchange for his notifying the government of the accusation.

To read the complete news release on the situation, visit <a href="http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/biotronik-inc-pay-49-million-resolve-claims-company-paid-kickbacks-physicians">www.justice.gov/opa/pr/biotronik-inc-pay-49-million-resolve-claims-company-paid-kickbacks-physicians</a>.