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**Subject:** Information Message IM/2020/006 - COVID-19 pandemic advice poster - Protect 50ml Luer Lock (LL) syringes for Critical Care use  
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**Attachments:** [Everyday Essentials 50ml CoVID19 poster Approved.pdf](#)

# IRIC

Incident Reporting &

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**Reference:** IM/2020/006  
**Subject:** COVID-19 pandemic advice poster - Protect 50ml Luer Lock (LL) syringes for Critical Care use

## SUMMARY

This information message is sent to draw the attention of Equipment Co-ordinators to information which may be relevant to the safety of equipment and facilities in NHS Boards and Local Authorities.

- BD (Becton Dickinson) has produced a COVID-19 pandemic advice poster (see attached) advising:
  - Protect 50ml Luer Lock (LL) syringes for Critical Care use
  - Use 10/20/30ml LL or Luer Slip (LS) syringes where possible
- This poster supplements the advice given in Safety Action Notice SAN(SC)20/06 *National Infusion and Vascular Access Society (NIVAS) recommend to reserve use of 50ml luer lock syringes for critical care infusion pumps during COVID-19 pandemic*, issued on 08 April 2020.
- Please distribute this poster in accordance with your organisation's normal protocols. It is recommended that it should be prominent on notice boards and other channels such as intranet and staff newsletters
- Target groups are medical, nursing, medical physics, technical managers, critical care leads, procurement managers, clinical directors, and all managers and staff involved in IV therapy administration

As the Equipment Co-ordinator for your organisation, we recommend that you assess whether or not to forward this information to managers and staff within your area of responsibility who might benefit from being aware of it.

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## ENQUIRIES

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COVID - 19 pandemic advice poster

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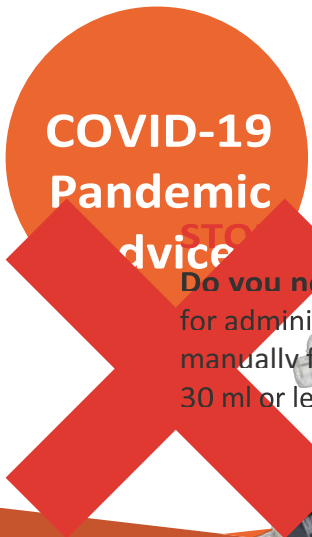
# STOP AND THINK:

Protect 50ml Luer Lock (LL) syringes for Critical Care use

Use 10/20/30ml LL or Luer Slip (LS) syringes where possible

Statement from Andrew Barton, NIVAS (National Infusion and Vascular Access Society) Chair:\*

When giving bolus drugs manually NIVAS recommends the use of a 10ml, 20ml or 30ml syringe (luer-slip or luer-lock) where possible. Please ask your organisation to **reserve the 50ml luer-lock syringes for critical care syringe infusion pumps to avoid future stocks running low during the COVID-19 pandemic surge.**



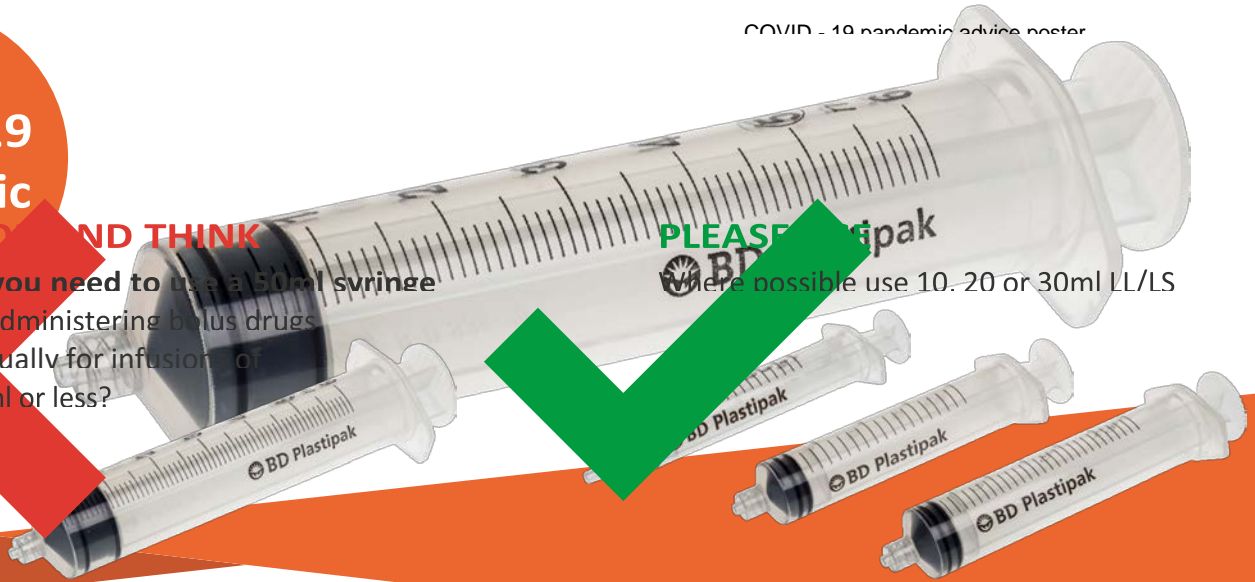
# COVID-19 Pandemic Advice

## STOP AND THINK

Do you need to use a 50ml syringe for administering bolus drugs manually for infusions of 30 ml or less?

## PLEASE USE

where possible use 10-, 20 or 30ml LL/LS



For Critical Care and infusion over 30ml ONLY:

## PLEASE USE



Only use 50ml LL syringe when it is critical

For bolus of drugs and infusions where 50ml syringe is not necessary:

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