

Enteral Plastic Safety Group (EPSG)* Statement

ISO 80369-3

In 2015 an International Standard (ISO 80369-3) is being introduced that covers all enteral connectors. Enteral feeding devices** form part of this International Standard and this statement refers to all enteral feeding devices within the UK.

In order to comply with the International Standard, a new global enteral feeding device connector design (named ENFit) is planned to be introduced nationwide from September 2015. ENFit is a unique enteral specific designed connector that significantly reduces the risk of a misconnection to any other type of medical device.

All leading UK enteral feeding device suppliers have been working together to implement this international standard. Working in collaboration with the NHS and respective representatives from all relevant clinical groups, EPSG member companies will develop and execute a joint communications initiative that will inform health professionals nationwide, from October 2014 through to the introduction of ENFit.

It is envisaged that the introduction of ENFit will be carried out over a 6 month period with a seamless transition that centres around the patient.

Full details regarding this statement, the International Standard and the introduction of ENFit are available from all EPSG members as listed below.

*The EPSG (Enteral Plastic Safety Group) represents all leading UK enteral feeding devices suppliers, with clinical representation from the PENG of the BDA, NNNG and endorsed by PINNT. The aim of this forum is to discuss enteral feeding device safety from both a clinical and manufacturing perspective. The term 'enteral feeding device' refers to any type of feeding tube that is placed into the gastro-intestinal tract i.e. naso-gastric (NG), naso-jejunal (NJ), gastrostomy (Button, PEG/RIG) or jejunostomy (JEJ), as well as giving/extension sets, syringes and enteral feeding pumps. The following companies are members of the EPSG: Abbott; Corpak; Covidien; Fresenius Kabi; GB (Enteral) UK; Intervene; Medicina; Nutricia; Vygon.

**Devices that will have the new connector include: enteral giving sets, enteral syringes, all enteral feeding tubes, all enteral accessories.



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