Neonatal & Paediatric Catheters
Specialist Products for Newborns & Young Children
### Table 1 - Introducer Method

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<td>Direct vision insertion</td>
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<td>Foot (before walking age)</td>
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<td>Scalp (before six months)</td>
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<td>Lower leg (before walking age)</td>
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<td>Abdomen</td>
<td>Superficial veins: rarely used, usually limited to neonates and chronically hospitalised patients; infiltration may result in damage to abdominal wall</td>
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<td>Axilla</td>
<td>Axillary vein: usually limited to neonates; infiltration may cause pressure on structures in chest cavity</td>
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<td>Knee</td>
<td>Popliteal vein: usually limited to neonates due to decreased mobility</td>
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### Product Selection Matrix

#### NEWBORN < 1kg

- **Central Venous**
  - Preferred Introducer Method: Cut-down
  - Preferred Access Point: Umbilical
  - Recommended Product: Umbilical Catheter (1270 Single, 1272 Double)

- **Arterial**
  - Preferred Introducer Method: Cut-down
  - Preferred Access Point: Umbilical
  - Recommended Product: Umbilical Catheter (1270 Single, 1272 Double)

#### NEWBORN > 1kg

- **Central Venous**
  - Preferred Introducer Method: Cut-down
  - Preferred Access Point: Umbilical
  - Recommended Product: Umbilical Catheter (1270 Single, 1272 Double)

- **Arterial**
  - Preferred Introducer Method: Cut-down
  - Preferred Access Point: Umbilical
  - Recommended Product: Umbilical Catheter (1270 Single, 1272 Double)

#### CHILD > 1yr

- **Central Venous**
  - Preferred Introducer Method: Seldinger
  - Preferred Access Point: Wrist, femoral, foot
  - Recommended Product: 22G Leaderflex (1212)

- **Arterial**
  - Preferred Introducer Method: Seldinger
  - Preferred Access Point: Wrist, femoral, foot
  - Recommended Product: 22G Leaderflex (1212)

### Complementary Products

- **Long Line Placement Pack** (80.199.519)
Umbilical Catheters

- 28G Premicath
- 24G Nutriline Twin-Flo
- 24G Nutriline
- 24G Nutriline E.C.C.
- 22G Leaderflex
- 20G Nutriline

Placement Packs

Summary of Complications

Custom Packs

Education and Training
A range of single and double lumen umbilical catheters for both venous and arterial use. Patient safety has been improved by the use of polyurethane, which, unlike traditional PVC catheters, remains inert for the life of the catheter.

The use of double lumen venous umbilical catheters in critically ill neonates is well tolerated and decreases the need for additional venous catheters.\(^1\)

### Features and Benefits

**Polyurethane catheter**
remains firm during insertion but softens at body temperature, minimising vessel trauma and enhancing stay time.

**X-ray opaque**
for accurate tip location without additional contrast medium.

**Numerical graduations**
aid accurate tip placement.

**Atraumatic tip**
reduces risk of vessel damage during insertion.

**Double lumen venous catheter**
decreases the need for additional IV access.

**Slide clamps (on double lumen only)**
for line management and safety.

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\(^*\)Tested to ISO 10555

Reference

**Insertion Technique**

**General**
1. Use strict aseptic technique and ensure maximum barrier precautions, such as using the umbilical placement pack (80.199.695), cleanse the anterior abdominal wall and cord stump.
2. Loosely tie a piece of ribbon gauze around the cord stump to control bleeding. Cut the umbilical cord at its base, tangentially to the abdomen, remove any clots which may obstruct the vessel lumen.
3. Arteries are small, thick-walled spiralling vessels, whilst the vein is larger and thin-walled (see diagram 1).
4. Prime the catheter, and if required dilate the vessel using iris forceps (see diagram 1).
5. Advance the catheter using short, smooth strokes.

**Arterial Catheterisation**
1. Place the catheter tip either at the upper aorta above the diaphragm, X-ray T6-T10 (see table 1 and diagram 2) or in the lower aorta below the renal arteries, X-ray L4-L5 (see table 1 and diagram 2).
2. Check the legs and buttocks for pallor or blueness and palpate the femoral pulses.
3. Confirm catheter location by X-ray.
4. Fixate the catheter.

**Venous Catheterisation**
1. Locate the catheter tip into the inferior vena cava via the ductus venosus (see diagram 2).
2. Confirm catheter location by X-ray.
3. Fixate the catheter.

**Please note:** Any resistance to the advancement of the catheter must lead to immediate withdrawal of the catheter by 2-3cm before any new attempt is made. Do not cover the umbilicus with any dressing as the cord air dries in the incubator.

**Catheter removal:** Withdraw the catheter slowly and gently. If resistance is felt, stop and identify the cause before continuing.

**Table 1**

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**Warnings:** Avoid the use of alcohol or acetone to clean the catheter as this may result in catheter damage and premature removal. Avoid the use of small syringes less than 10ml for bolus injections as they generate high pressures which may result in catheter damage.
28G Premicath has been designed specifically for use with babies under 1kg who require the smallest catheters. As with our other polyurethane catheters Premicath utilises thin-wall technology to enable optimum flow rates to be achieved.

Clinicians have the choice of either a small breakaway needle introducer, which is ideal for use in the tiniest of veins, or the slightly larger Microflash peelable cannula which provides the added safety and security of advancing the catheter through plastic, and the ability to completely remove the cannula after line insertion.

### Features and Benefits

**Polyurethane catheter**
- remains firm during insertion but softens at body temperature, minimising vessel trauma and enhancing stay time.

**X-ray opaque**
- for accurate tip location without additional contrast medium.

**Catheter graduations every cm**
- aid accurate tip placement.

**Small 28G catheter**
- for the smallest veins.

**One-piece catheter construction**
- simplifies insertion.

**Integral extension with wing**
- permits secure catheter fixation, reducing the risk of mechanical phlebitis.

**Choice of introducer:**
- **Microflash introducer**
  - unique split cannula, allows easy removal from the PICC line, and eyelet gives rapid visibility of flashback.
- **Small 24G breakaway needle**
  - for small veins.

### Kit Contents

1 x Catheter
1 x Microflash introducer or breakaway needle

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*Tested at 1bar/14.5psi
28G Premicath
Neonatal catheter (PUR) with choice of introducer

Insertion Technique

Preparation for Catheter Insertion

Open using aseptic technique. Add any sterile supplementary equipment needed. Ensure maximum barrier precautions, such as using the long line placement pack (80.199.519). Put on sterile gloves and prepare tray contents ready for catheter insertion:

1. Draw-up saline and heparin flushes using a filter needle or straw to remove particulate material.
2. Flush catheter prior to insertion.

Microflash Cannula Insertion Technique

1. Select, prepare, clean (see diagram 1) and drape site of venepuncture. Apply tourniquet.
2. Perform venepuncture with the peelable cannula provided (see diagram 2).
3. Advance cannula until venepuncture is confirmed by free flowing blood into the flashback chamber (see diagram 3). Please note: With Microflash, you may see flashback from the needle eyelet. The cannula can also be syringe-mounted if preferred.
4. Release tourniquet, advance cannula off the introducer needle and advance gently into vessel. Please note: To avoid excessive bleeding or possible air aspiration place a gloved finger over the cannula opening following needle withdrawal. Insert catheter through cannula using non-toothed forceps and short, steady strokes (see diagram 4).

Should catheter advancement become difficult, infuse a little fluid whilst simultaneously advancing the catheter. This has the effect of dilating the vessel distal to the catheter tip.

Premicath Peelable Cannula Removal

1. Secure the catheter by applying light finger pressure on the catheter beyond the cannula, and slowly withdraw the cannula. Carefully peel the cannula apart whilst maintaining forward pressure on the catheter, taking care not to dislodge the catheter from the vein. Finally advance the catheter to the desired position (see diagram 1).

Premicath Catheter Fixation

1. Anchor the catheter using adhesive skin strips. Clean the insertion site with gauze swab. Place small swab over insertion site (see diagram 1).
2. Loop the extension tube back beside this gauze and apply a transparent dressing (see diagram 2). Light pressure over the insertion site should be maintained for 24 hours. Change as per hospital protocol.

Premicath Breakaway Needle Removal

1. Follow the general guidelines as per the peelable cannula insertion technique. Following venepuncture advance the catheter through the breakaway needle and withdraw the needle from the vein. Pinch needle wings firmly together to initiate breaking of the needle (see diagram 1).
2. Peel needle smoothly until the needle halves are held together only at the tip. It is not necessary to entirely separate both halves of the needle (see diagram 2).
3. Lift catheter carefully out of needle lumen (see diagram 3). Caution: Do not grip the needle wings tightly as this may cause the needle to break prematurely. At no time should the catheter be withdrawn back through the needle. If it becomes impossible to advance the catheter to a satisfactory position, the needle and catheter must be withdrawn simultaneously.

Warnings: Avoid the use of alcohol or acetone to clean the catheter as this may result in catheter damage and premature removal. Avoid the use of small syringes less than 10ml for bolus injections as they generate high pressures which may result in catheter damage.
24G Nutriline Twin-Flo has been designed specifically for use with babies who require multiple infusions. As with our other polyurethane catheters Nutriline utilises thin-wall technology to enable optimum flow rates to be achieved.

The Nutriline Twin-Flo dual lumen design offers enhanced fluid management.

**Features and Benefits**

**Polyurethane catheter**
remains firm during insertion but softens at body temperature, minimising vessel trauma and enhancing stay time.

**X-ray opaque**
for accurate tip location without additional contrast medium.

**Catheter graduations every cm**
aid accurate catheter placement.

**Dual lumen to tip**
avoids incompatible drugs mixing.

**One-piece construction**
simplifies insertion.

**Slide clamps**
for easier line management and safety.

**Integral extension with wing**
permits secure catheter fixation, reducing the risk of mechanical phlebitis.

**Microflash introducer**
unique split cannula, allows easy removal from the PICC line, and eyelet gives rapid visibility of flashback.

**Colour coded hubs**
for easy identification of the lumens.

**Kit Contents**
1 x Catheter
1 x Neonatal Grip-Lok™
1 x Microflash introducer
1 x Tape measure

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0896 Bionector needle-free access devices available separately.
Insertion Technique

Preparation for Catheter Insertion
Open using aseptic technique. Add any sterile supplementary equipment needed. Ensure maximum barrier precautions, such as using the long line placement pack (80.199.519). Put on sterile gloves and prepare tray contents ready for catheter insertion:

1. Draw-up saline and heparin flushes using a filter needle or straw to remove particulate material.
2. Flush catheter prior to insertion.

Microflash Peelable Cannula Insertion Technique

1. Select, prepare, clean (see diagram 1) and drape site of venepuncture. Apply tourniquet.
2. Perform venepuncture with the peelable cannula provided (see diagram 2).
3. Advance cannula until venepuncture is confirmed by free flowing blood into the flashback chamber (see diagram 3). Please note: With Microflash you may see flashback from the needle eyelet. The cannula can also be syringe-mounted if preferred.
4. Release tourniquet, advance cannula off the introducer needle and advance gently into vessel. Please note: To avoid excessive bleeding or possible air aspiration place a gloved finger over the cannula opening, following needle withdrawal. Insert catheter through cannula using non-toothed forceps and short, steady strokes (see diagram 4).

Should catheter advancement become difficult, infuse a little fluid whilst simultaneously advancing the catheter. This has the effect of dilating the vessel distal to the catheter tip.

Nutriline Twin-Flo Peelable Cannula Removal

1. Secure the catheter by applying light finger pressure on the catheter beyond the cannula and slowly withdraw the cannula. Carefully peel the cannula apart whilst maintaining forward pressure on the catheter, taking care not to dislodge the catheter from the vein. Finally advance the catheter to the desired position (see diagram 1).

Nutriline Twin-Flo Catheter Fixation

1. Anchor the catheter using adhesive neonatal Grip-Lok™. Clean the insertion site with gauze swab. Place small swab over insertion site if necessary (see diagram 1).
2. Loop the extension tube back beside this gauze and apply a transparent dressing (see diagram 2). Light pressure over the insertion site should be maintained for 24 hours. Change as per hospital protocol.

Warnings: Avoid the use of alcohol or acetone to clean the catheter as this may result in catheter damage and premature removal. Avoid the use of small syringes less than 10ml for bolus injections as they generate high pressures which may result in catheter damage.
24G Nutriline's one-piece catheter construction provides clinicians with a high degree of safety. The peelable introducer cannula enables the catheter to be safely advanced through plastic. Additional security is provided by a small primary wing to help minimise the risk of catheter movement and kinking.

As with our other polyurethane catheters Nutriline utilises thin-wall technology to enable optimum flow rates to be achieved.

Clinicians have a choice of different catheter lengths to ensure accurate tip placement for most IV access sites. Therapy areas include long-term IV antibiotics and TPN.

**Features and Benefits**

- **Polyurethane catheter**
  remains firm during insertion but softens at body temperature, minimising vessel trauma and enhancing stay time.

- **X-ray opaque**
  for accurate tip location without additional contrast medium.

- **Catheter graduations every cm**
  aid accurate placement of catheter.

- **One-piece construction**
  simplifies insertion.

- **Integral extension with wing**
  permits secure catheter fixation, reducing the risk of mechanical phlebitis.

- **Slide clamp**
  for line management and safety.

- **Microflash introducer**
  unique split cannula, allows easy removal from the PICC line, and eyelet gives rapid visibility of flashback.

**Kit Contents**

- 2 x Ball swabs
- 1 x Filter straw 5µm
- 1 x Gallipot
- 1 x Sponge stick
- 1 x Microflash introducer
- 1 x Injection membrane
- 1 x 10ml syringe

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Insertion Technique

Preparation for Catheter Insertion

Open using aseptic technique. Add any sterile supplementary equipment needed. Ensure you are using maximum barrier precautions. Put on sterile gloves, prepare tray contents ready for catheter insertion:

1. Draw-up saline and heparin flushes using a filter needle or straw to remove particulate material.
2. Flush catheter prior to insertion.

Microflash Cannula Insertion Technique

1. Select, prepare, clean (see diagram 1) and drape site of venepuncture. Apply tourniquet.
2. Perform venepuncture with the peelable cannula provided (see diagram 2).
3. Advance cannula until venepuncture is confirmed by free flowing blood into the flashback chamber (see diagram 3). **Please note:** With Microflash you may see flashback from the needle eyelet. The cannula can also be syringe-mounted if preferred.
4. Release tourniquet, advance cannula off the introducer needle and advance gently into vessel. **Please note:** To avoid excessive bleeding or possible air aspiration place a gloved finger over the cannula opening following needle withdrawal. Insert catheter through cannula using non-toothed forceps and short, steady strokes (see diagram 4).

Should catheter advancement become difficult, infuse a little fluid whilst simultaneously advancing the catheter. This has the effect of dilating the vessel distal to the catheter tip.

Nutriline Peelable Cannula Removal

1. Secure the catheter by applying light digital finger pressure on the catheter beyond the cannula, and slowly withdraw the cannula. Carefully peel the cannula apart whilst maintaining forward pressure on the catheter, taking care not to dislodge the catheter from the vein. Finally advance the catheter to the desired position (see diagram 1).

Nutriline Catheter Fixation

1. Anchor the catheter using adhesive skin strips. Clean the insertion site with gauze swab. Place small swab over insertion site if necessary (see diagram 1).
2. Loop the extension tube back beside this gauze and apply a transparent dressing (see diagram 2). Light pressure over the insertion site should be maintained for 24 hours. Change as per hospital protocol.

**Warnings:** Avoid the use of alcohol or acetone to clean the catheter as this may result in catheter damage and premature removal. Avoid the use of small syringes less than 10ml for bolus injections as they generate high pressures which may result in catheter damage.
24G ECC was Vygon’s first purpose-designed neonatal PICC line. The soft silicone catheter has depth graduations to aid insertion, and sits comfortably in the vessel during use. Its two-part design allows the use and safe removal of the introducer winged needle.

The ECC catheter is probably the most well recognised paediatric catheter in the world today, enjoying over 25 years of unrivalled success.

**Features and Benefits**

**Soft biocompatible silicone**
- Enhances stay time.

**X-ray opaque**
- For accurate tip location without additional contrast medium.

**Catheter graduations every cm**
- Aid accurate catheter placement.

**Integral extension**
- Limits catheter movement, reducing the risk of mechanical phlebitis.

**Detachable hub**
- Allows complete removal of introducing needle.

**Different length catheters**
- Ensure accurate tip placement.

**Kit Contents**

- 1 x Catheter
- 1 x Winged needle

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Insertion Technique

**Note:** Only use needle supplied. Check catheter patency by flushing. Unscrew compression hub *(do not separate)* and remove catheter ready for use.

1. Place child in comfortable and convenient position. Prepare insertion site. Drape as required.
2. Perform venepuncture using 19G needle provided.
3. Using fine non-toothed forceps, introduce catheter through needle. *(Note graduations)*
4. Apply finger pressure on catheter beyond needle tip and carefully remove needle from vessel.
5. Keeping catheter straight, carefully remove needle from catheter.
6. Insert proximal end of catheter into compression hub until black marker is fully out of sight. Whilst maintaining catheter in this position, tighten compression hub. *(Do not separate compression hub)*.

**Please note:** Black marking ring must be within hub and out of view. Catheter is secured by tightening compression hub.

**Warnings:** Avoid the use of alcohol or acetone to clean the catheter as this may result in catheter damage and premature removal. Avoid the use of small syringes less than 10ml for bolus injections as they generate high pressures which may result in catheter damage.
The Leaderflex range of 22G Seldinger catheters are for use in a variety of venous and arterial applications. Leaderflex is manufactured from polyurethane, which offers excellent insertion and indwell characteristics. Safety features include: a slide clamp for safe line changes; a clear integral extension to reduce phlebitis; and reinforcement of the catheter/wing junction to help minimise the risk of catheter kinking. Line management is also enhanced by moving hub manipulation away from the insertion site, reducing the risk of mechanical phlebitis, which can result in premature catheter failure.

### Features and Benefits

**Polyurethane catheter**
- Remains firm during insertion but softens at body temperature, minimising vessel trauma and enhancing stay time.

**X-ray opaque**
- For accurate tip location without additional contrast medium.

**One-piece catheter construction**
- Simplifies insertion.

**4, 6 and 8cm lengths**
- To suit all sizes of patients.

**Integral extension with wing**
- Permits secure catheter fixation, reducing the risk of mechanical phlebitis.

**Slide clamp**
- For line management and safety.

**Flexible guidewire with soft tip**
- To reduce vessel trauma and aid successful line placement.

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0896 Bionector and 0896.11 Bionector arterial needle-free access devices available separately.
Insertion Technique

The Idea

“I had the polyethylene catheter, the needle and the guidewire, and suddenly in a split second, there came an attack of common sense. The sequence in which these three items ought to be used suddenly became obvious.”

Sven-Ivar Seldinger was born in Mora, Sweden in 1921. After studying medicine at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm he began his diagnostic radiology training at the Karolinska Sjukhuset in 1950.

Many sensed the great potential of angiography and although methods for introducing a catheter into an artery or vein were available, they were traumatic and involved considerable blood loss. This was the problem that Dr Seldinger set out to solve. He submitted his initial and most important paper on percutaneous catheterisation in 1953.

Dr Seldinger’s medical milestone seems simple now. A needle is introduced, a guidewire is passed into the needle lumen and the needle is removed. The catheter is then fed over the wire, the wire is then removed.

The Seldinger technique was, because of its simplicity, adopted worldwide and since its conception has served millions, permitting safe, simple catheterisation of virtually every important vessel in the body.

Vygon is proud to produce Leaderflex, a refined product utilising the Seldinger technique and today’s technologies. A fitting tribute to Dr Seldinger.

The Technique

1. Vessel puncture is performed.
2. Effective venepuncture is confirmed by free aspiration of blood.
3. The syringe is removed and the guidewire, soft tip first, is introduced through the needle.
4. The needle is then removed.
5. The flexible catheter is passed forward over the guidewire.
6. The guidewire is removed.

Warnings: Avoid the use of alcohol or acetone to clean the catheter as this may result in catheter damage and premature removal. Avoid the use of small syringes less than 10ml for bolus injections as they generate high pressures which may result in catheter damage.
20G Nutriline
Peripherally inserted catheter with peelable cannula

Designed for children and young adults, Nutriline's one piece catheter construction provides clinicians with a high degree of safety. The peelable cannula enables the catheter to be safely advanced through plastic. Additional security is provided by a small primary wing to help minimise the risk of catheter movement and kinking.

As with our other polyurethane catheters Nutriline utilises thin-wall technology to enable optimum flow rates to be achieved without compromising the safety of the catheter.

**Features and Benefits**

**Polyurethane catheter**
remains firm during insertion but softens at body temperature, minimising vessel trauma and enhancing stay time.

**X-ray opaque**
for accurate tip location without additional contrast medium.

**Catheter graduations every cm**
aid accurate placement of catheter.

**One-piece construction**
simplifies insertion.

**Integral extension with wing**
permits secure catheter fixation, reducing the risk of mechanical phlebitis.

**Slide clamp**
for line management and safety.

**Peelable cannula**
unique split cannula, provides the additional safety and security of advancing the catheter through plastic.

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20G Nutriline
Peripherally inserted catheter with peelable cannula

Insertion Technique
Preparation for Catheter Insertion
Open using aseptic technique. Add any sterile supplementary equipment needed. Ensure you are using maximum barrier precautions. Put on sterile gloves and prepare tray contents ready for catheter insertion:
1. Draw-up saline and heparin flushes using a filter needle or straw to remove particulate material.
2. Flush catheter prior to insertion.

Nutriline Peelable Cannula Insertion Technique
1. Select, prepare, clean (see diagram 1) and drape site of venepuncture. Apply tourniquet.
2. Perform venepuncture with the peelable cannula provided (see diagram 2).
3. Advance cannula until venepuncture is confirmed by free flowing blood into the flashback chamber (see diagram 3). The cannula can be syringe-mounted if preferred.
4. Release tourniquet, advance cannula off the introducer needle and advance gently into vessel. Insert catheter through cannula using non-toothed forceps and short, steady strokes (see diagram 4). **Please note:** To avoid excessive bleeding or possible air aspiration place a gloved finger over the cannula opening following needle withdrawal.

Should catheter advancement become difficult, infuse a little fluid whilst simultaneously advancing the catheter. This has the effect of dilating the vessel distal to the catheter tip.

Nutriline Peelable Cannula Removal
1. Secure the catheter by applying light finger pressure on the catheter beyond the cannula, and slowly withdraw the cannula. Carefully peel the cannula apart whilst maintaining forward pressure on the catheter, taking care not to dislodge the catheter from the vein. Finally advance the catheter to the desired position (see diagram 1).

Nutriline Catheter Fixation
1. Anchor the catheter using adhesive skin strips. Clean the insertion site with gauze swab. Place small swab over insertion site if necessary (see diagram 1).
2. Loop the extension tube back beside this gauze and apply a transparent dressing (see diagram 2). Light pressure over the insertion site should be maintained for 24 hours. Then change as per hospital protocol.

**Warnings:** Avoid the use of alcohol or acetone to clean the catheter as this may result in catheter damage and premature removal. Avoid the use of small syringes less than 10ml for bolus injections as they generate high pressures which may result in catheter damage.
Setting the standard, the long line placement pack provides clinicians with equipment to minimise the risk of line sepsis during insertion. The components of the pack have been specifically designed for neonates/paediatrics and selected by those who insert IV lines on a daily basis.

Sepsis has been sited as one of the most common complications for percutaneous long lines. Having all of the required components in one pack makes it easier for clinicians inserting the catheter to use maximum barrier precautions, thereby increasing the likelihood that the highest standard of asepsis is maintained by all clinicians. 33% of long line complications are due to line infection.

### Features and Benefits

**Fenestrated transparent drape**
provides a maximum barrier to infection whilst allowing you to see and monitor the baby during insertion. Also keeps the baby warm during the line placement and the easy peel allows for easy removal.

**Choice of neonatal forceps**
straight and curved non-toothed forceps to aid the insertion of your long line.

**Neonatal tourniquet**
purpose-designed tourniquet to minimise damage to delicate skin.

**Reduced set-up time**
all your items available in one pack.

### Kit Contents

| 1 x Opaque tray | 1 x Outer wrap |
| 1 x Prep forceps, blue | 75 x 90cm |
| 1 x Pack of Steri-Strips™ | 1 x Fenestrated |
| 2 x Tape measures | transparent drape |
| 2 x Teigderm™ dressings | with easy peel |
| 4 x 4cm | 50 x 50cm |
| 1 x Luer-slip syringe | 1 x Pair of neonatal |
| 10ml | scissors 8cm |
| 1 x Neonatal tourniquet | 1 x Iris forceps straight, non-toothed 10cm |
| 4 x Ball swabs | non-toothed 10cm |
| 2 x Drape 45 x 75cm | 1 x Iris forceps curved, |
| 2 x Gallipot 60ml | non-toothed 10cm |
| 2 x Hand towels | 5 x Swabs 7.5 x 7.5cm, 8ply, white |

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**Reference**

As part of our ongoing commitment to education and training we can offer you the following:

**Product Specific Workshops**
Vygon’s bespoke Neonatal line placement workshops can be based in the classroom or within the clinical environment. They combine theory and practical training opportunities, using training manikins to practice catheter insertion and care and maintenance skills. A product selection matrix is provided to assist in choosing the most appropriate device for the patient.

**Hands-on Training Aids**
These aids enable clinicians to practice catheter care and maintenance skills and are available for workshops or short-term loan.

**Training DVDs**
These have been made by clinicians for clinicians and have been designed to guide the new user through the essential elements of insertion, care and maintenance of our products.

**Neonatal PowerPoint Presentation**
 Chapters in this presentation include:
- Why use long lines?
- Complications.
- Insertion and removal techniques.

For further information on any of the above please contact us on 01793 748800 or email us at vygon@vygon.co.uk
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