

New Global Enteral Device Connector - ENFit

What **YOU** need to know

A new International Standard (ISO 80369-3) is being published this year and covers all connectors on enteral devices.

In order to comply with the International Standard, a new global enteral feeding device connector design (named ENFit) will be introduced across the UK from September 2015.

The ENFit introduction will be a 2-stage process, with transition giving sets and gravity sets made available from September 2015, followed by ENFit feeding tubes and syringes being introduced from March 2016. See **Diagram One**.

To facilitate the smooth transition to the ISO standard, a group made up of industry, clinical and NHS stakeholders was formed and named the EPSG (Enteral Plastic Safety Group). The EPSG represents all leading UK enteral feeding devices suppliers, with clinical representation from the PENG of the BDA, NNNG and supported by PINNT, BAPEN and BPNG. The following companies are members of the EPSG: Abbott; Corpak; Covidien; Fresenius Kabi; GBUK Enteral (Enteral UK); Intervene; Medicina; Nutricia; Vygon.

EPSG member companies and NHS Supply Chain have agreed not to place any ENFit enteral feeding device (other than transition giving sets and gravity sets) into the UK market until 14th March 2016. It is envisaged that this process will minimise disruption to the NHS, whilst maintaining patient safety at all times.

For further information about ENFit and how the changeover affects you and your patients, please contact your current enteral devices supplier, any of the following represented clinical groups: PENG of the BDA, NNNG, PINNT, BAPEN, BPNG, or visit: www.stayconnected.org.

Diagram One: Enteral feeding system changes

