



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **New Global Enteral Device Connector - ENFit: UK launch Imminent**

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 nationwide from September 2015.

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

To facilitate the smooth transition to the ISO standard, all 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016. It is envisaged that this process will minimise disruption to the NHS, whilst maintaining patient safety at all times.

Further information is available from your current enteral devices supplier or from any of the following represented clinical groups: PENG of the BDA, NNNG, PINNT, BAPEN, BPNG

*\* 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) or jejunostomy (JE)), as well as giving/extension sets, syringes and enteral feeding pumps.*

*\*\*ENFit is a unique enteral specific designed connector that significantly reduces the risk of a misconnection to any other type of medical device.*

*\*\*\*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 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.*

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