BD UniVia™, a “unique way” to comply with the new UK NPSA Safer Spinal Needle Alert

The BD safety anesthesia connector is the first in a series of connectors that will be launched by BD as they continually strive to develop products which will improve patients’ safety.

BD Procedure Pak® Pre Anaesthesia Trays also available
Pre Anaesthesia trays are a convenient way of preparing your regional anaesthesia procedure.
BD distributes a range of trays each containing a selection of BD syringes and needles.

Spinal kits with BD spinal needles, BD PlastiPak™ syringes and BD Blunt Filter needles, all equipped with BD UniVia™ Connection
All you need for performing your spinal single shot blocks or your lumbar puncture procedure in a safe way

BD UniVia™ Spinal Range

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Syringes

| BD Plastipak™ Slip Syringe 5ml | 302187 | 400811 |
| BD Plastipak™ Slip Syringe 2ml | 300185 | 400810 |

Fill Needle

| BD™ Blunt Filter Needle 18G x 1.5” | 405211 | 400812 |

*The results are from a simulated user study and the results are on file with BD.

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BD is available to provide the service and support you need to implement the NPSA Safety Alert. Please contact your BD representative should you have any questions.

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Achieve compliance with the UK NPSA Safer Spinal Needles Alert – Part A

Recently, BD conducted a study of their new safer spinal anaesthesia system. Results of the study, which involved 49 clinicians, are detailed below.

Reduce the risk of wrong-route medication errors
All 100% agreed that the new BD safer spinal anaesthesia system will prevent or reduce the risk of misconnection between a BD conventional syringe and a BD safer spinal needle.*

Same technique
According to 46 clinicians, the new BD system is intuitive to use and the connection technique of the BD safety anaesthesia systems is identical to the connection technique of a BD conventional system. 45 clinicians agreed that it takes a single procedure in order to feel comfortable using the new BD system.*

Same feel
94% of clinicians agreed or strongly agreed that the new BD system is as easy to use as a BD conventional system. A majority of clinicians agreed that the new BD system feels identical to a BD conventional system.*

Same trusted performance
In the same study, 46 clinicians agreed that the BD safety anaesthesia system performs the same as BD conventional systems. 48 clinicians agreed that the BD safety anaesthesia system will have no negative impact on their clinical practice.*

The look and performance of the conventional BD devices are maintained in the new BD connector

The BD Whitacre Needle setting a new standard
Back in the nineties, BD introduced the BD Whitacre spinal needle, a revolution in spinal anaesthesia. Today, more than two million patients worldwide received a spinal anaesthesia with a BD Whitacre spinal needle. Many publications have proven the benefits of the BD Whitacre spinal needle, thanks to its unique design.

The BD Whitacre spinal needle design is characterized by:
• a distinct feel of the different tissues when advancing the needle and the marked and same dural click when puncturing the Dura Mater
• a very rapid CSF flashback thanks to a translucent viewing chamber
• an ideal location and geometry of the side opening for optimal spread at injection and optimal spinal block
• a tip design for minimal deformation of the needle tip
• Tip designed to spread the dural fibres and help reduce the occurrence of post dural puncture headache