



# Product Discontinuation Notice

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Dear Valued Customer:

Thank you for choosing BD for your peripheral intravenous (IV) catheter needs. You are receiving this letter because your organisation has purchased our BD Venflon™ IV Cannula within the past year. After careful consideration, BD will discontinue the BD Venflon™ IV Cannula product line in **May 2025**.

BD is committed to the safety and well-being of patients and healthcare workers, providing high-quality products in an optimised portfolio, designed to:

- Help streamline your product ordering and management<sup>1,2</sup>
- Facilitate greater product standardisation<sup>2,3</sup>

We recommend you transition to the BD Venflon™ I IV Cannula with BD Instaflash™ Needle Technology or to the BD Venflon™ Pro Safety Needle Protected IV Cannula. Both of these product alternatives support improved patient care and enhanced clinician solutions compared to the BD Venflon™ IV Cannula. Below are details on how these devices differ from the BD Venflon™ IV Cannula.

BD Venflon™ I IV Cannula:

- Includes BD Instaflash™ Needle Technology, clinically demonstrated to significantly improve first attempt insertion success<sup>4,5</sup>.

BD Venflon™ Pro Safety Needle Protected IV Cannula:

- A compact ported, passive catheter with a smooth plastic shield that fully encapsulates the needle once retracted to provide protection against needlestick injuries
- Includes BD Vialon™ Catheter Material, enabling longer dwell time and reducing the chance of mechanical phlebitis by up to 50%<sup>6</sup>.
- Features ergonomic design to aid insertion and support a variety of insertion techniques
- Incorporates flexible wings to stabilize the catheter within the vein
- Available with or without BD Instaflash™ Needle Technology on 18-22 Gauge products

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Please update your materials management systems and inform the appropriate personnel regarding the recommended replacement product options.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your local BD sales consultant. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

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**Attachment A: Alternate Product Reference**

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Below is a list of all BD Venflon™ IV Catheter affected products and corresponding alternate options.

Discontinued Products		BD Venflon™ I		BD Venflon™ Pro Safety	
Catalog Number	Product Description	Catalog Number	Product Description	Catalog Number	Product Description
391451	BD Venflon™ 22 G x 0.98" (25 mm)	391891	BD Venflon™ I 22 G x 0.98" (25 mm)	393222	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety 22 G x 1.00" (25 mm)
				393280	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety with BD Instaflash™ 22 G x 1.00" (25 mm)
391452	BD Venflon™ 20 G x 1.26" (32 mm)	391892	BD Venflon™ I 20 G x 1.26" (32 mm)	393224	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety 20 G x 1.25" (32 mm)
				393281	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety with BD Instaflash™ 20 G x 1.25" (32 mm)
391457	BD Venflon™ 18 G x 1.26" (32 mm)	391892	BD Venflon™ I 20 G x 1.26" (32 mm)	393226	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety 18 G x 1.25" (32 mm)
				393282	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety with BD Instaflash™ 18 G x 1.25" (32 mm)
391453	BD Venflon™ 18 G x 1.77" (45 mm)	391893	BD Venflon™ I 18 G x 1.77" (45 mm)	393227	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety 18 G x 1.77" (45 mm)
391454	BD Venflon™ 17 G x 1.77" (45 mm)	391895	BD Venflon™ I 16 G x 1.77" (45 mm)	393228	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety 17 G x 1.77" (45 mm)
				393229	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety 16 G x 1.77" (45 mm)
391455	BD Venflon™ 16 G x 1.77" (45 mm)	391895	BD Venflon™ I 16 G x 1.77" (45 mm)	393229	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety 16 G x 1.77" (45 mm)
391456	BD Venflon™ 14 G x 1.77" (45 mm)	391896	BD Venflon™ I 14 G x 1.77" (45 mm)	393230	BD Venflon™ Pro Safety 14 G x 1.77" (45 mm)