

# Nationally Contracted Products (NCP) notification:

## NCP Surgical Theatre Gowns - Product Update



The NCP for Surgical Theatre Gowns – Standard Gown has been extended until **27 August 2020**.

We have listened to customer feedback and worked with the supplier and Gowns Sourcing Group to develop a new improved specification of gown which includes:

- ▶ Larger sized hand towels to give a better absorption rate
- ▶ Standardised tie length to avoid touching the floor
- ▶ Strengthened bonds to prevent tearing and ties breaking
- ▶ Cuffs manufactured to a higher quality to further reduce linting in line with ISO9073-10
- ▶ The addition of a medium sized gown to the range.

The new gown is suitable for low fluid procedures such as anaesthetic procedures including spinal, epidurals, most laparoscopies, some Ear, Nose and Throat procedures, some Maxillofacial procedures, and minor procedures. This gown is not appropriate for high fluid procedures such as Caesarean sections, major orthopaedic surgery and urology etc. This is guidance only and the final decision as to the suitability of a gown for a procedure remains with the end user.

The new specification gown has been CaPA assured and clinically evaluated by the Trusted Customer (Barts Health NHS Trust) and the Gowns Sourcing Group which is made up of representatives from acute trusts in the NHS.

- ▶ **Medium Gown** (new specification) to be introduced by end April 2020
- ▶ **Large Gown** (new specification) to be available during January 2020
- ▶ **Extra Large Gown** (new specification) to be available during January 2020
- ▶ **Extra Large, Extra Long Gown** is not affected and remains the same product specification as before at the same price and ordering code.

The improvements across the gowns mean that the cost price will increase by £0.25 pence per gown. However the improved specification gowns still represent a reduction in price from the other gown products of the same, or similar, specification within the market and still lower than the original gown product prices prior to the launch of NCP.

Trust Impact Statements will be made available via your NHS Supply Chain Account Manager to understand the cost increases at a trust level.

As a consequence of the change to the products, the large and extra large gown will have a new National Product Code (NPC), which will require changes to your ordering systems.

When you place an order on the old product codes, you will continue to receive the new product line as automatic replacement for a period of six weeks to allow for trust ordering systems to be amended.

The new **medium sized gown**, which will be available in April 2020, will have a new code allocated and will be communicated out prior to its availability.

The **extra large, extra long gown** will remain at the same price on the same NPC ordering code and will not require and changes to ordering.

The Product Listing has been updated accordingly and is available for customers to [download here](#).

The gowns were tested against and met the requirements of the following standards:

- ▶ BS EN 13795:2011+A1:2013 which relates to surgical drapes, gowns and clean air suits, used as medical devices for patients, clinical staff and equipment
- ▶ BS EN20811 for hydrostatic pressure levels above 45cm of H2O to demonstrate a level of resistance to strike through of fluid
- ▶ BS EN20973 to measure tear resistance under wet and dry conditions
- ▶ ISO9073-10 a measure of linting levels.

## Summary

Category	Single Use Theatre Protective Clothing
Sub Category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Sterile gown - standard performance with two hand towels (Size Medium, Large, Extra Large)</li> <li>▶ Sterile gown - standard performance with two hand towels (Size Extra Large Extra Long)</li> </ul>
Supplier	▶ <b>IMS Euro Ltd</b> - Medic standard performance with two hand towels
Price Impact	New prices are available on the product listing
Trust Impact Statement	Will be available shortly
Length of commitment	12 months
End Date	27 August 2020
Number of catalogue codes to be delisted	Two NPC codes are being delisted - VJD4373, VJD232

## Next steps

- ▶ Trust Impact Statements will be available shortly.
- ▶ Please log into our website to view the Product Listing with the new products.
- ▶ New customers wishing to purchase the new gowns should contact their Account Manager and demand capture will be required to ensure we have sufficient stock for go live.