

June 28th 2022

SUPPLY OF VACUETTE® SAFETY BLOOD COLLECTION SETS AND NEEDLES

Dear Customer,

We are writing with an updated notification concerning the supply of VACUETTE® Safety Blood Collection Sets and Needles.






Due to an unprecedented increase in global demand, together with ongoing logistical factors due to the Covid situation in the Far East, we are experiencing significant supply issues. To address this situation, we are implementing several measures designed to increase capacity, including a new production line. As a responsible company we want to make you aware that we anticipate this ongoing disruption may not be resolved until the end of 2022.

During this time, in conjunction with NHS Supply Chain, we will be closely monitoring and managing the availability of product for customers. In order to accommodate this all orders of Safety Blood Collection Sets and Needles should now be placed directly with NHS Supply Chain to enable all available products to be allocated on an equitable basis to minimise disruption. However, if you purchase via a Managed Service Provider, **please continue to place orders through them**. Managed Services Providers will be set up onto NHS Supply Chain's ordering system for all available stock to be managed centrally.

If you wish to discuss this situation further, please contact your local Greiner Bio-One Account Manager or NHS Supply Chain Representative.

Yours sincerely
Greiner Bio-One Ltd.

VACUETTE® SAFETY BLOOD COLLECTION SETS - ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS

| Item No | Description | NPC Code | |
|---------|---|----------|---|
| 450040 | VISIO PLUS needle with flashback. 21 g x 1 ½" | KFK023 |  |
| 450041 | VISIO PLUS needle with flashback. 22 g x 1 ½" | KFK017 |  |
| 450075 | Multi sample needle. 22 g x 1 ½" | KFK230 |  |
| 450076 | Multi sample needle. 21 g x 1 ½" | KFK228 |  |
| 450230 | QUICKSHIELD safety tube holder | KFK287 |  |

Whilst Greiner Bio-One Ltd does not advise on the clinical practises and requirements of the NHS, we do encourage our Customers to preserve the available stock of Safety Blood Collection Sets (“Winged”) for patients with more difficult venous access such as paediatric, elderly and severely ill patients. For more routine sampling when bleeding from areas such as the antecubital fossa area, we strongly recommend the use of VACUETTE® QUICKSHIELD and VISIO PLUS/Multi Sample Needles.

Short instructions on the use of these products are detailed on page 3

Training Videos are available at the following links:

[QUICKSHIELD HOLDER](#)

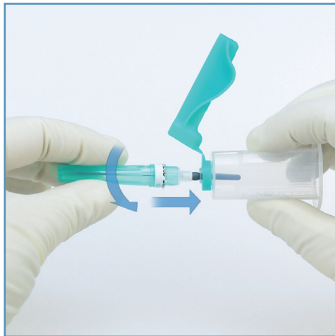


[QUICKSHIELD COMPLETE \(Needle pre-assembled\)](#)



SHORT INSTRUCTIONS

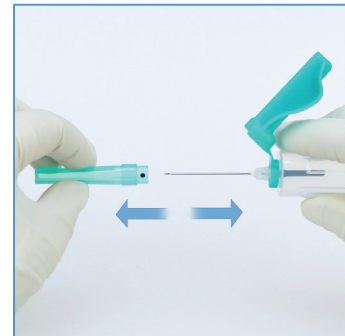
The VACUETTE® QUICKSHIELD Safety Tube Holder, together with the VACUETTE® Blood Collection Needles and Tubes is a suitable and safe single-use system for everyday venous blood collection.



1 Thread the needle



2 If desired, re-position safety shield



3 Remove protective needle cap



4 Perform the venipuncture



5 Insert the tube



6 Remove the tube



7 Activate the safety mechanism with the aid of a solid surface



8 An audible click indicates activation



9 Disposal

For the complete handling recommendations please refer to the Instructions for Use for each product at www.gbo.com.