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## PRODUCT NOTIFICATION

Dear Valued Customer,

Becton Dickinson Pty Ltd has been informed by our parent company that BD has received reports of reduced potency of certain medications when stored in some BD plastic disposable hypodermic syringes.

**Please note that no such reports have been received from Australian customers.**

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BD hypodermic syringes are single use, disposable medical devices intended for general purpose injection and aspiration of medical fluids or pharmaceuticals, and/or for hypodermic administration of pharmaceuticals.

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BD hypodermic syringes are not intended to be used as closed container storage systems for medications.

**It is important to note that no reduction in medication potency is observed when the syringes are filled and used promptly.**

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The reduced potency is due to an interaction of some medications with one of the stoppers that we use in the impacted hypodermic syringes. This issue only occurs when medications are pre-filled and stored in syringes containing these stoppers.

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These stoppers may also be used in a limited number of BD™ Oral/Enteral syringes. Similar to the BD hypodermic syringes, these oral/enteral syringes are not intended to be used as closed container storage systems for medications; rather, they are intended to be used by healthcare professionals to measure and administer oral medication and enteral nutrition.

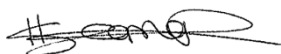
Please note that BD Insulin Syringes, BD PosiFlush™ Pre-filled Saline Syringes and BD Pharmaceutical Systems' pre-fillable syringes do not use the stopper associated with this issue.

A list of affected BD Catalogue Numbers is provided at the end of this letter. BD syringes appearing on this list may contain the stopper associated with this issue.

All of the BD Catalogue Numbers on this list can continue to be used in line with their intended use of general purpose fluid aspiration and prompt administration of medications, and enteral nutrition.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your BD Account Manager or the undersigned on the details provided below.

Sincerely,



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<b>BD Catalogue Numbers that may contain the stopper associated with this issue</b>	
<b>Catalogue Number</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
305853	SYRINGE 3ML CLEAR ORAL CE 200 S/C
305855	SYRINGE ORAL 5ML CLEAR CE 125 S/C
302832	SYRINGE 30ML LL S/C 56
302833	SYRINGE 30ML LS S/C 56
300228	SYRINGE NON STERILE 50ML CT
300867	SYRINGE 50ML CT
300613	SYRINGE 20 ML LS 120 PK
300220*	SYRINGE 20ML LS NS
302836*	SYRINGE 30ML ENTERAL S/C 56

\* No Lot Numbers of these products have been sold in Australia with the stopper that is implicated with this issue.