

Patient Safety ALERT: Administration of medication via syringe pumps - BD Plastipak Syringes

There is a risk of overdose and severe or even fatal drug error using incorrect syringes in our syringe drivers.

EBME have confirmed that only BD Plastipak syringes should be used for infusions.

Some areas have been found to stock the BD Emerald type which is slightly different in size and must not be used.

The Procurement team have been visiting clinical areas and they have removed all stock of the incorrect BD Emerald syringes. These have been taken off the shelves and from all locations within the hospital and have been replaced with adequate stock levels of the correct BD Plastipak syringes.

FOR URGENT ACTION BY MANAGERS:

- Check your ward / department stock and remove any BD Emerald syringes and return to Procurement.
- Ensure that ALL STAFF in your team are aware of this safety alert

If you have any questions please contact Darren Proctor (Head of Procurement)