



**Rocket**medical

# CUSTOMER INFORMATION BULLETIN

## Rocket® Fetal Blood Sampling Blades

**Dear Customer,**

Our current design of Fetal Blood Sampling (FBS) Blade has served us well for over 20 years, providing consistent, controlled scalp incision.

However, in recent months some new users of our blades have reported variable penetration performance when compared to their previous product. At Rocket, we take customer feedback very seriously and as a result, we instigated a formal design review to examine blade quality and performance.

Our Design Team have now developed and tested a selection new blade concepts, have sourced new materials and suppliers to meet the new design requirements.

As a result, we will be producing a new blade design from November 2009.

The new blade features:

- Angled cutting edge for improved initial penetration
- Double ground edges for improved sharpness and scalpel like cutting performance
- Hardened steel for improved durability

Laboratory testing demonstrates that this new blade design offers a significant reduction in the penetration force required to perforate and incise tissue.

The new blade will be available in both luer and screw fitting and will replace the existing blade in all Rocket FBS Kits.



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[www.rocketmedical.com/Rocket\\_support\\_CIB\\_main.htm](http://www.rocketmedical.com/Rocket_support_CIB_main.htm)

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