

CUSTOMER INFORMATION BULLETIN

Rocket® Fetal Blood Sampling Kits: introduction of x-ray detectable swabs

Dear Customer,

From 1st November 2010, Rocket Medical are making changes to comply with the recommendations of the **NPSA Rapid Response Report NPSA/2010/RRR012: 'Reducing the risk of retained swabs after vaginal birth and perineal suturing'**. NPSA May 2010;



We are introducing GREEN x-ray detectable swabs into all **Rocket® Fetal Blood Sampling Kits** to make swab identification easier and to further minimise the risk of accidental swab retention.

The changes will come into force in time to comply with recommended ACTION deadline of 26/11/10.

Each kit will now contain FIVE green, x-ray detectable swabs bundled with a red tie. The introduction will affect all future production but will not be applied retrospectively to kits already in service.

The change will apply to these product codes:



<p align="center">Rocket® FBS Kits: R57012, 013, 018, 024, 026 & 027</p>	<p align="center">Rocket® FBS Kits with Sampling Wand: R57012-00-SW, 013-00-SW, 018-00-SW, 024-00-SW, 026-00-SW</p>
	

Customer Information Bulletins on all of our products can be found on our web site at:
www.rocketmedical.com/Rocket_support_CIB_main.htm

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References:

Rapid Response Report NPSA/2010/RRR012: Reducing the risk of retained swabs after vaginal birth and perineal suturing. NPSA: May 2010
Clinical briefing for maternity service managers: Retained swabs after vaginal birth and perineal suturing can lead to harm. NPSA May 2010

