



Customer Information Bulletin: Rocket® Seldinger Chest Drainage Kits

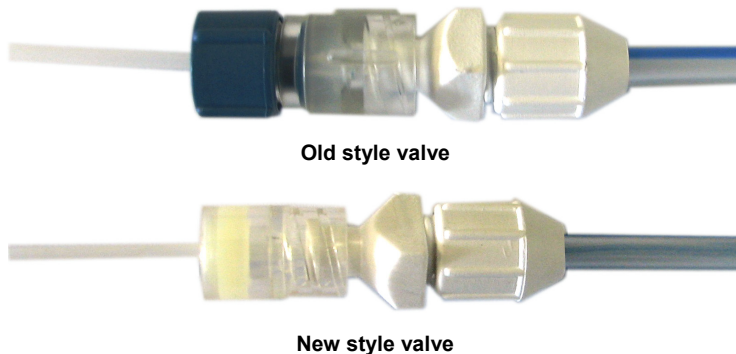
Dear Customer,

As you will no doubt be aware, supplies of **Seldinger Chest Drainage Kits** have been reduced due to manufacturing difficulties being experienced by one main supplier.

Rocket Medical, who are the *only* UK manufacturer of Seldinger Chest Drainage Kits, have been working hard to make up the shortfall. However, even with a large, local production facility, even we have been challenged by the sudden increase in demand.

To enable us to meet demand, we are bringing forward several product upgrades, which are part of our long term development programme for this product range. This will mean that users may find differences in the visual appearance of some items in the pack.

1. The **'Tuohy Borst'** style valve, which positions and retains the inner stiffener, has been upgraded with a simpler and more robust fitting.
2. **Guidewires:** Our preferred 50cm PTFE coated wire is custom made to our specifications but as a result of increased demand, we have temporarily substituted 50 & 70cm stainless steel guidewires.
The clinical performance of the wires is not affected.



3. **Dilators:** To meet demand we have also introduced a wider range of dilator styles, again product performance will not be affected but users will be aware of a visual difference. We are currently working to standardise on a new dilator format that will reduce the risk of over insertion.
4. **Wide-bore stopcock:** We have upgraded the 3-way stopcock to a new version with a wider internal bore to maximise drainage.

Where necessary, we will be detailing these changes on package labelling which will also include a web address to the relevant Customer Information Bulletin (CIB) giving fuller details of any upgrades and changes.

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

We have also introduced a free email based notification service to advise you when new CIB's, relevant to your clinical area are issued. You can subscribe to this free service by going to:
www.rocketmedical/cib_signup.html

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