

SN (NI) 2003/05

DATE: 14 February 2003



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TITLE:

**BELDICO Y-CAN INTRAVENOUS CANNULA,
RADIO-OPAQUE**

MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER

Beldico. Those previously manufactured under the WALLACE are NOT implicated in this recall.

PROBLEM

Leakage from the cannula and body of the Y-cans

DISTRIBUTED BY NIAIC TO:

Chief Executive of each HSS Board, Trust and Agency.

NIAIC Liaison Officers.

For onward distribution as appropriate to:

This notice should be brought to the attention of all who need to know or be aware of it, including those listed below, in accordance with local procedures. This will include:

- Liaison Officers
- Directors of Anaesthetics
- Medical Directors
- Nursing Executive Directors
- Theatre Managers
- Adult & Paediatric Intensive Care Units
- Oncology Units
- Special Care Baby Units
- Accident & Emergency Departments
- Ambulance staff and paramedics
- All Wards
- Health & Safety Officers
- Risk Managers
- District Nurses
- Clinical Governance Lead

Boards/Trusts should ensure that if appropriate, this information is passed to all persons having the responsibility for the premises registered under "THE REGISTERED HOMES (NI) ORDER 1992.

ACTION

- Remove product from use and return to the supplier.
- The manufacturer and supplier have issued recall notices. If you have already acted on either notice there is no need for further action.
- Replacements can be ordered from the NHS logistics catalogue. Although there is no direct physical equivalent, a range of ported cannulae from various manufacturers is available

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BACKGROUND

NIAIC has become aware of a number of incidents where the cannula has leaked. This has potentially serious consequences, for example, patient awareness during anaesthesia; inadequate drug administration in chemotherapy.



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ENQUIRIES

Enquiries to the manufacturer's representative should be addressed to:

Nigel Small
Universal Hospital Supplies Ltd
313 Chase Road
Southgate
London N14 6JH

Tel: 020 8920 6207
Fax: 020 8882 6571

Enquires to the NIAIC should quote the reference number SN(NI) 2003/05 and be addressed to:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC)
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HOW TO REPORT ADVERSE INCIDENTS

Adverse Incidents relating to medical devices, non-medical equipment, plant and buildings should be reported to NIAIC as soon as possible. Advice on how to report is given in Safety Notice SN (NI) 2003/01. If you are in doubt about how to report incidents, please speak to your liaison officer or contact NIAIC using the telephone number provided. Adverse Incident reporting forms and an on-line reporting facility are available on the NIAIC website at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic

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