

## Rocket<sup>®</sup> Spinal Manometer Sets with NRFit<sup>™</sup> connectors

Dear Customer,

Following publication of **ISO 80369-6:2016: Small bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications--Part 6: Connectors for neuraxial applications** Rocket Medical have developed an ISO80369-6 compliant spinal manometer system.

ISO80369-6:2016 specifies requirements for small-bore connectors intended to be used for connections in neuraxial applications. Neuraxial applications involve the use of medical devices intended to administer medications to neuraxial sites, wound infiltration anaesthesia delivery, and other regional anaesthesia procedures or to monitor or remove cerebrospinal fluid for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes.

The introduction of this new international ISO standard follows the lead taken by the UK's NHS in implementing a safer system for neuraxial administration following publication and implementation of the NPSA Alerts (NHS National Patient Safety Agency 2011).

### NRFit<sup>™</sup>

Rocket Medical, in common with other neuraxial device manufacturers, uses the NRFit<sup>™</sup> brand name and logo to help end users to easily and immediately identify ISO80369-6 compatible devices.

### Surety<sup>®</sup> & UniVia<sup>™</sup> non-luer systems:

Following publication of the NPSA alert, the UK introduced 'non-luer' fittings in direct response to guidelines issued by the National Patient Safety Agency concerning the potentially catastrophic risks associated with misadministration of chemotherapy agents via the intrathecal route.

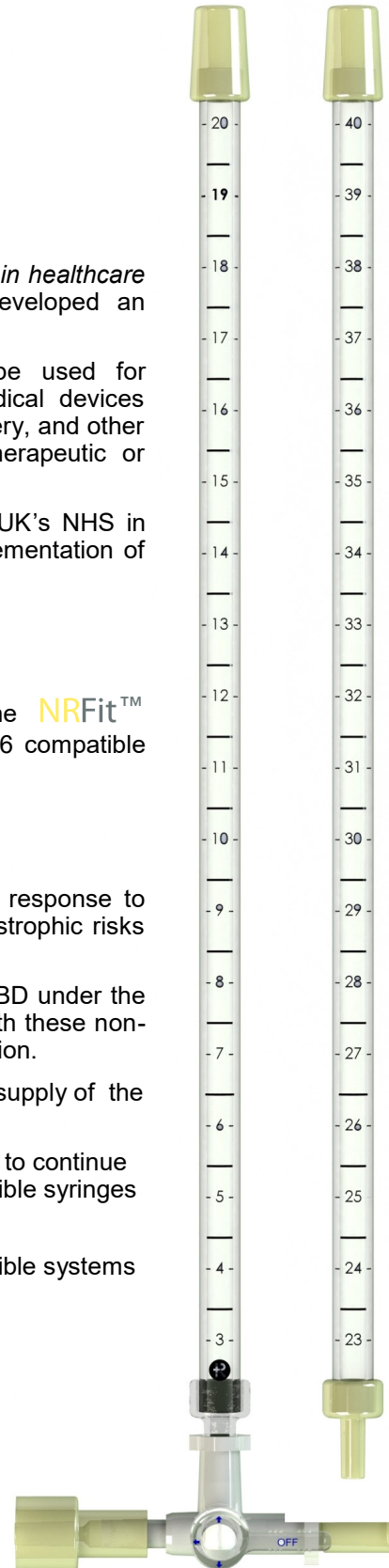
These fittings were developed by the Intervene Group under the Surety<sup>®</sup> brand and by BD under the UniVia<sup>™</sup> brand. Rocket Medical produced Spinal Manometers which were compatible with these non-luer systems and also continued to manufacture and supply the original standard luer version.

GBUK Group acquired Intervene in March 2017 and have announced that they will cease supply of the Surety<sup>®</sup> range of syringes and connectors from end March 2018.

Rocket Medical has modest stocks of Surety<sup>®</sup> components which will allow our customers to continue to order R55990-VN systems until end March 2018. However, associated Surety<sup>®</sup> compatible syringes and needles (not supplied by Rocket) may not be available beyond this date.

Customers already using non-luer systems should consider converting to NRFit<sup>™</sup> compatible systems as soon as practical.

Description	Order Code	NHSSC Code
<b>Rocket<sup>®</sup> Spinal Manometer Set with NRFit<sup>™</sup> connectors</b> Sterile, for single use, packed in cartons 10 units	<b>R55990-ISO-6</b>	<b>GBR000</b>



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