

## Obsolescence of FBS Kits with Standard Blades and Accessories

**Dear Customer,**

Rocket Medical currently manufactures two types of FBS kit - those with a blade-holder and standard screw on blades, and those with sampling wands, featuring a retractable blade. In the interests of user safety, we will discontinue standard blade kits from 30th June, 2021.

In addition to the retractable blade, the sampling wand also includes a capillary tube holder. This means that the incision can be made and the sample collected, whilst retaining visibility of the sampling site. Please note that users must wait for a bead of blood to form before collecting the sample to avoid air ingress. For users who prefer to use a double-ended capillary tube holder to collect the sample, please note that all kits also contain this.



Tip of sampling wand, showing blade and capillary tube

As of the same date, we will also discontinue standalone Amnilume™ light sources (R57004-NS) and amnioscopes (R57016-NS), retaining the combined device (R57016-LUME-NS) in the portfolio. Finally, the capillary tube dispenser R57009 will also be discontinued, but remains available within FBS Kits for Lactate Analysis, R57028-00-SW.

A list of suggested alternatives is provided below. If you wish to place a final order that is larger than your standard purchase quantity, please could we ask you to do this by the end of April. Components are limited and will be assigned to orders on a first come, first served basis.

Stock Code	Description	Alternative Stock Code	Alternative Description
<b>R57018</b>	FBS Kit with Standard Blade 5 x 55µl Tubes	R57018-00-SW	FBS Kit with Sampling Wand 5 x 55µl Tubes
<b>R57024</b>	FBS Kit with Standard Blade 5 x 85µl Tubes	R57024-00-SW	FBS Kit with Sampling Wand 5 x 85µl Tubes
<b>R57026</b>	FBS Kit with Standard Blade 5 x 100µl Tubes	R57026-00-SW	FBS Kit with Sampling Wand 5 x 100µl Tubes
<b>R57029-NUSX</b>	NuSurgix FBS Kit 5 x 130µl Tubes	Varies by analyser and sampling volume; please contact your Rocket Medical representative	
<b>R57004-NS</b>	FBS Amnilume™ Light Source	R57016-LUME-NS	FBS Amnioscope with Amnilume™ Light Source
<b>R57016-NS</b>	FBS Amnioscope without Amnilume™ Light Source	R57016-LUME-NS	FBS Amnioscope with Amnilume™ Light Source
<b>R57009</b>	Capillary Dispenser for Lactate Monitors	Included within R57028-00-SW	Included within FBS Kit for Lactate - 5 x 55µl Tubes

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local distribution partner or our Customer Services Team for assistance:

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