

Are you ready for ENFit?

New Enteral Connectors in 2015

To improve patient safety, manufacturers of enteral devices are required to change the way enteral feeding sets and syringes connect to feeding tubes.

The name of the new connection is **ENFit**.

Shield HealthCare wants to ensure that you are aware of these upcoming changes.



WHAT?

- Enteral tubing misconnection occurs when enteral devices (feeding bags, tubes or syringes) are connected to non-enteral devices, such as IV lines, urinary catheters and ventilator tubing.
- ENFit is the new connection standard, developed by an international group of clinicians, manufacturers and regulators as part of the Stay Connected initiative to prevent tubing misconnections.

WHY?

- The Joint Commission identifies tubing misconnection as a sentinel (high risk) event.
- ENFit connectors will not allow accidental connection between enteral and non-enteral devices.

WHEN?

- The transition from current enteral devices to ENFit will occur **over three phases in 2015**.
- Each phase will include a change to a different part of the enteral feeding system (turn over for details).



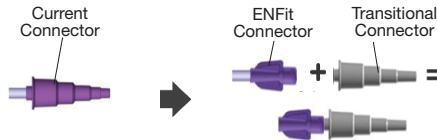
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New ENFit Enteral Connector Timeline*

PHASE 1 (Early 2015) Feeding Sets

- Feeding sets will have the new ENFit connection at the end that connects to the feeding tube.
- Sets will include a stepped connector until the other parts of the feeding system are updated.



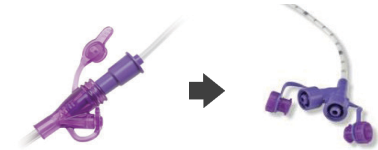
PHASE 2 (Mid-2015) Enteral Syringes

- Syringes with the ENFit connection will become available so that they will be ready to use when the new feeding tubes are available.



PHASE 3 (Late 2015) Feeding Tubes & Extension Sets

- Feeding and medication ports on feeding tubes and extension sets will have the ENFit connection.



Transitional stepped connectors and current syringes will remain available while patients make the transition to the new feeding tubes. Consult your supplier representative for product-specific availability and indications.

*All dates are projected estimates and subject to change due to timing of product-specific regulatory review and manufacturer discretion.

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