

Single Use Tourniquet Nationally Contracted Products (NCP): A Clinically Informed Procurement Process

NHS Supply Chain: Ward Based Consumables



IV Devices - Single Use Tourniquet

Introduction

The Nationally Contracted Product (NCP) Single Use Tourniquet - Latex Band falls under the Single Use Tourniquet framework under IV Devices and the product range under this framework has been optimised since 2017. The strategy for this category area was to replicate the current competition and maintain competitive pricing below the framework price. Following this award, the NCP exercise has resulted in a 27% cost avoidance if we reverted to national pricing.

The Medical Device Directives (MDD) classification for this product area is class I (technical evaluation), in accordance with the Clinical and Product Assurance Team (CaPA) assurance levels and MDD classification.

The procurement strategy for this category was developed following the publication of the Clinical Evaluation Team (CET) publication for Single Use Tourniquet (SUT) - please see link below.

The intelligence gained from the CET national engagement, events and the results of the product range evaluation, formed the foundation of the evidence required to ensure the products listed remain fit for purpose, safe, and value for money.

Due to the robust process above and engagement for these products, samples will not be available to trial.

Clinical assurance

CaPA are responsible for the clinical assurance of the products that are supplied by Supply Chain Coordination Limited (SCCL).

NHS Supply Chain engagement, in addition to the engagement of the CET, took place with a wide variety of stakeholders nationally, with both the NHS and suppliers. NHS Supply Chain: Ward Based Consumables were able to identify clinical criteria which have been used to establish both an enhanced specification and evaluation process, to be able to meet the CaPA framework.

Who have we engaged with?

A wide range of key stakeholders were engaged with across a wide geographical spread and different functional areas within a trust setting. These stakeholders were recognised as subject experts, and/or recognised regular users of these products in their clinical practice.

- Interventions Team Manager
- IV Access Nurse
- Lead Vascular Access Nurse
- Renal Nurse - Genetics Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Lead IV Nurses
- Senior Operating Department Practitioner
- Intravascular Practitioner
- Ward Sisters
- Quality Improvement Nurse - Fluid Management
- Infectious Diseases Consultant
- Emergency Nurse Practitioner and Independent Prescriber
- Infection Control Lead Nurse
- Phlebotomist.

Development of the clinical criteria

Within NHS Supply Chain: Ward Based Consumables we have a team of highly experienced registered clinicians, who form part of our Clinical Collaboration Team (CCT). The CCT support the clinical engagement, development of clinical criteria and work collaboratively with the CaPA team.

The CCT used the findings of the CET report as a basis of engagement with customers. They were able to formulate thoughts, ideas and needs from different clinicians familiar with these products; identifying their own expectation(s) of the product for their given patient group, and intended patient outcome, being used in a variety of differing clinical environments.

It was deemed, the only criteria **not** relevant from this report was:

- SUT can be disposed of simply in the clinical environment in accordance with local guidelines This was removed as market is not yet ready for this criteria. We will look to include in the future with links to sustainability.
- The use of SUT should be intuitive. This should reflect the manufacturers recommended technique for use. Removed from criteria due to subjectivity.

The full CET report can be found [here](#).

Awarded suppliers

As a result of the procurement activity, two suppliers were awarded under each of the product categories below. All options will be available nationally:

- Lot 1a (Pack 25) – Medicare Products Ltd
- Lot 1b (Pack 100) – Medline Industries Ltd.

Single Use Tourniquet - Pack 25

The incumbent supplier, Richardson Healthcare Ltd was unsuccessful as part of this procurement activity.

Who to contact?

If you have any other queries around this NCP, please contact your NHS Supply Chain Account Manager.

