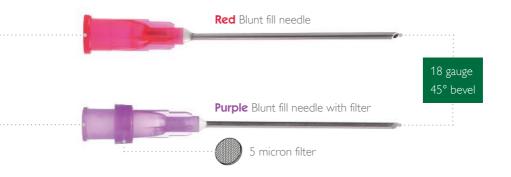


Help reduce the risk

of needle-stick injuries to healthcare workers and patients.

Compared with sharp-bevelled hypodermic needles, blunt fill and blunt filter needles help **reduce the risk of needlestick injuries**¹ to healthcare workers when drawing-up and preparing medication in compliance with EU Directive 2010/32/EU.



Colour-coded hub for easy identification

- Blunt fill needle (BFN) for use with vials.
- Blunt fill needle with 5 micron filter (BFNF) for use with glass ampoules.

Ease of use

• Both needles have a conventional luer needle hub, compatible with all standard syringes.

Reduction in medication contamination

• The 5 micron filter in the hub of the BFNF means any glass particles larger than 5 microns are filtered out preventing them from being drawn into the syringe prior to injection.

The use of a 5 micron filter needle or straw to withdraw medication from the ampoule can reduce the number of particles aspirated. (2,3)

How to use...

Step-by-step guidelines for our blunt fill needles.

Step 1

 Peel open the packaging and connect the syringe.

Step 2

• Remove the needle guard.

Step 3 BFN (single-use only)

 Insert the needle into the centre of the vial stopper at a 90° angle. This will help reduce the risk of rubber fragments from the side of the vial stopper contaminating the medication.

BFNF

• Draw-up the medication from the glass ampoule.

Step 4

 Once the medication has been drawn-up and is in the syringe ready for administration, remove the BFN / BFNF and dispose of in a sharps container.







Glass particle contamination can occur when opening single-use glass ampoules of medication, and injection of these particles has been associated with phlebitis, pulmonary thrombi or microemboli, and end organ granulomas or inflammation. (2,3)

Product Specification

Vygon Code	NHSSC Code	Description	Quantity
110022	FTR1922	18G x 1½"	100
110022F	FTR1923	18G x 1½" with 5 micron filter	100

Supplied in DuPont[™] Tyvek[®] packaging

The unique structure of our packaging creates a tortuous path for a superior microbial barrier and excellent strength properties. Made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE), Tyvek® offers all the best characteristics of paper, film and fabric in material. This unique balance of properties makes our packaging lightweight yet strong; vapour-permeable, yet moisture and chemical resistant, as well as puncture and tear resistant.

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