BD Medical – Recall of heparin lock flush and normal saline syringes

- On April 20, 2018, BD Medical announced a recall of some lots of heparin lock flush and normal saline syringes due to a potential for contamination with *Serratia marcescens* bacterium.
- Recalled BD Medical products are listed below:

Product Description	Lot #s
BD PosiFlush™ Heparin Lock Flush Syringe	Refer to the BD notice for lot numbers
BD™ Pre-Filled Normal Saline Syringe	

- The BD PosiFlush heparin lock flush syringe is intended to help maintain patency by locking vascular access devices.
- The BD pre-filled normal saline syringe is intended for the flushing of indwelling vascular access devices.
- BD Medical was notified by the FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about a potential epidemiological link between catheter related blood stream infections and the *S. marcescens* bacterium.
- The FDA and CDC identified a potential connection between reports of infection in a small number of patients caused by *S. marcescens* across multiple states. The CDC's initial investigation found that affected patients had received treatment using certain BD flush products. Investigations by BD Medical, the FDA and CDC are currently ongoing.
- Anyone with existing inventory of the recalled product should immediately quarantine and discontinue distribution of the product.
- Patients should contact their healthcare provider if they have experienced any problems that may be related to using the recalled product.
- Contact BD Medical at **1-866-660-8973** for further questions regarding this recall.