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

- On April 20, 2018, [BD Medical announced](https://www.bdm.com) 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:

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- 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](tel:+18666608973) for further questions regarding this recall.