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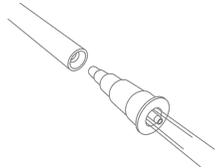
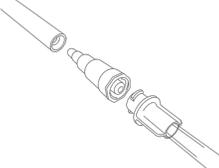
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**REVISED ENFit® Connector Conversion Schedule:  
U.S. and Canada Legacy Connector Production Phase Out Dates**

Please note this document is in reference and an update to the [ENFit® Connector Conversion Schedule for the U.S.](#), as well as the last [GEDSA COVID-19 & Conversion Statement](#) and contains important industry updates.

GEDSA has been vigilantly monitoring the progress of COVID-19 over the past several months and has observed the subsequent increased demands on the healthcare system with concern and understanding. Healthcare systems are seeing increased demand for services and critical supplies, constant strain on front-line caregivers, and surging patient needs across the country. Given these extraordinary strains, GEDSA and its members have decided to revise the production phase out dates for legacy enteral connectors so that production can be dedicated to the safer ISO 80369-3 compliant connectors, commonly called ENFit®, in the U.S. and to include Canada.

As stated earlier this year, “GEDSA members are committed to providing a continued supply of the enteral products that are currently being utilized in healthcare systems worldwide. GEDSA remains committed to ENFit, supports its use and acknowledges that it is the [standardized] ISO [80369-3] compliant option used globally in these times where the potential for a misconnection is exceptionally high.”<sup>1</sup> The revised dates of production phase out are as follows:

| Date                           | Action  | Example   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021    | Legacy feeding tubes and cross- application adaptors will no longer be manufactured.            |  |
| January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2022 | Transition sets and adaptors sold separately from other devices will no longer be manufactured. |  |

During these times when supply needs and demands are high, we anticipate these updated production phase out dates to provide a smoother transition for facilities that require flexibility. Several manufacturers are only offering ENFit products at this point and other manufacturers are

<sup>1</sup> GEDSA. GEDSA Communication COVID-19 Conversion. StayConnected website. Updated April 13, 2020. Accessed August 4, 2020. [http://stayconnected.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/GEDSA\\_Communication\\_COVID-19\\_Conversion.pdf](http://stayconnected.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/GEDSA_Communication_COVID-19_Conversion.pdf)

accelerating towards this goal, ahead of the termination dates in the table above. GEDSA encourages manufacturers to continue to monitor demand and stay well prepared during these times.

GEDSA members emphasize that conversion continues to rapidly move forward. GEDSA recommends, if you find your facility in the:

- *Beginning of planning or first steps of ENFit conversion* to reach out to your suppliers, they will assist you in your journey. Many GEDSA members have developed new tools for virtual training in response to the pandemic.
- *Middle of ENFit conversion* to keep up communication with your suppliers. GEDSA members are willing and able to meet your ENFit needs now. Once your facility has fully converted, GEDSA members will have already taken steps (thanks to active communication during conversion) to ensure full and continued supplies of ISO 80369-3 compliant products.
- *Postponed first steps toward ENFit conversion due to the pandemic* then GEDSA and its members are prepared to assist in your conversion plans, at a time when your facility can mindfully plan its conversion and set a go live date. Please stay in close contact with your suppliers, so that they can respond quickly and efficiently once you've set a date. Please also bear in mind the approaching production phase out dates for the legacy connectors in the table above.

As the additional connectors in the ISO 80369 series come into production, proactive communication and conversion efforts amongst your team and suppliers on enteral (-3), will keep facilities and individuals in front of all conversions, rather than lagging behind in patient safety efforts. Neuraxial (-6) is already in production with other therapy specific connectors in development for future release.

For any questions regarding product availability or transition to ENFit, please work directly with your supplier. If you cannot get in contact with your supplier and they are a GEDSA member, please contact GEDSA and we will ensure you are connected with a representative. Email [info@gedsa.org](mailto:info@gedsa.org) or visit [www.stayconnected.org](http://www.stayconnected.org) for more information.

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#### **About GEDSA:**

The Global Enteral Device Supplier Association (GEDSA) is a 501(c)6 nonprofit trade association formed to help introduce international standards for healthcare tubing connectors. Comprised of manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers of enteral nutrition devices worldwide, GEDSA facilitates information flow about the three-phase initiative, which is designed to increase patient safety and optimal delivery of enteral feeding by reducing the risk of tubing misconnections.

ENFit® is a federally registered trademark of GEDSA in multiple jurisdictions throughout the world.

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