

# BD Vacutainer™ Blood Transfer Device

## Methods of Collection:



If blood is collected into the syringe without using a needle:

- Disconnect the blood-filled syringe from the I.V. port or needleless system used for venous access.



If blood is collected into the syringe using a safety-engineered hypodermic needle (BD Safety-Glide™ Needle or BD Eclipse™ Needle):

- Draw the blood into the syringe using your institution's procedure.
- Ensure that the needle's safety mechanism has been properly activated.
- Disconnect the blood-filled syringe from the activated safety-engineered needle.



If blood is collected into the syringe using safety-engineered winged collection set (BD Safety-Lok™ Blood Collection Set or BD Saf-T E-Z™ Set):

- Draw the blood into the syringe using your institution's procedure.
- Ensure that the wingset's safety mechanism has been properly activated.
- Disconnect the blood-filled syringe from the activated safety-engineered wingset.



## Appropriate Transfer:



1. Peel off paper backing.



2. Insert syringe tip into hub of device. Rotate syringe clockwise to secure syringe to hub.



3. With the syringe held facing down, center BD Vacutainer™ tube or BD Bactec™ blood culture bottle and push forward into holder of BD Vacutainer™ Blood Transfer Device. Do not depress the plunger of the syringe.



4. After removing the last BD Vacutainer™ tube or BD Bactec™ blood culture bottle, discard entire assembly (BD Vacutainer™ Blood Transfer Device and syringe) in an approved sharps collector in accordance with applicable regulations and institutional policy.

## Some Shortcuts Aren't Worth Taking

The use of a needle to transfer venous blood to a blood collection tube or culture bottle is both a prohibited practice and a dangerous procedure. The **BD Vacutainer™ Blood Transfer Device** was designed keeping your safety in mind. This pre-assembled, latex-free, single-use, sterile device undeniably reduces the risk of transfer related injuries while maintaining specimen integrity.

“... If drawing blood with a syringe is necessary, engineering controls (engineered sharps injury protection) and safe work practices (including mechanical means of removal if available) must be used and **needleless blood transfer devices must be implemented.**”

Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), US Department of Labor  
June 12, 2002 OSHA Standard Interpretation letter on the Re-use of blood tube holders.

Reference Number	Description	Packaging
364880	BD Vacutainer™ Blood Transfer Device	50/box, 200/case

**Caution:** Handle all biologic samples and blood collection “sharps” (lancets, needles, Luer adapters and blood collection sets) according to the policies and procedures of your facility. Obtain appropriate medical attention in the event of any exposure to biologic samples (for example, through a puncture injury) since they may transmit viral hepatitis, HIV (AIDS), or other infectious diseases. Utilize any built-in needle protector if the blood collection device provides one. BD does not recommend resheathing used needles, but the policies and procedures of your facility may differ and must always be followed. Discard any blood collection “sharps” in biohazard containers approved for their disposal.

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