



Customer Information Bulletin: Changes to inner support tube on Rocket® BulbTip™ Embryo Transfer Catheters



Dear Customer,

As part of our continuous improvement programme, we are modifying the inner support tube in our **BulbTip™ Embryo Transfer Catheters, BulbTip™ Echo Catheters and BulbTip™ Trial Catheters.**

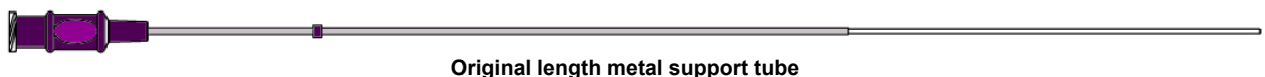
Background:

The BulbTip™ Embryo Transfer Catheter is designed for regular and difficult transfer and is suitable for patients with a fully anteverted or retroverted uterus.

Rather than pre-form the distal tip of the sheath, we prefer to allow our customers to shape the outer introducer to meet the exact needs of each patient, thereby minimizing trauma during the transfer process.

For a small percentage of patients this has meant the outer sheath has been curved from the mid point rather than at the distal tip. As a result, some users have reported feeling contact between the inner metal support tube and outer sheath at the final stage of insertion of the inner. Whilst this does not affect the reliability of the transfer, it can be distracting.

Therefore, we are reducing the length of the inner support tube by 20mm to ensure that it remains free of the outer sheath even when the latter is curved strongly from the mid point.



Original length metal support tube



New, reduced length metal support tube

The reduction in support tube length will slightly decrease the rigidity of the inner catheter if it is removed from the outer introducer sheath for loading. However, the reduction in rigidity is minimal and should not affect the ease of handling.

The change applies to these versions and custom derivatives:

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| Rocket® BulbTip™ Catheters 18cm & 23cm: | R57635-00-18, R57635-00-23 |
| Rocket® BulbTip™ Echo Catheters 18cm & 23cm: | R57635-EC-18, R57635-EC-23 |
| Rocket® BulbTip™ Trial Catheters 18cm & 23cm: | R57636-00-18, R57636-00-23 |

**If you have any further questions, please contact our
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