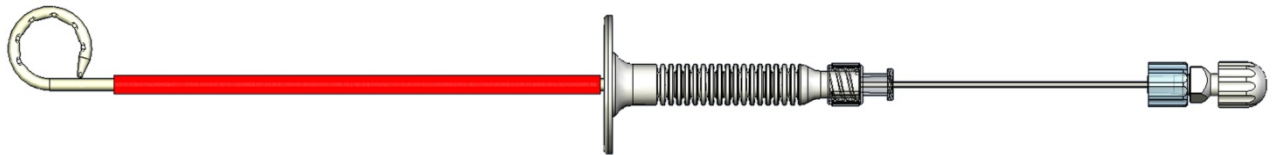




# Customer Information Bulletin

## Rocket® Multipurpose Needle Drain Set



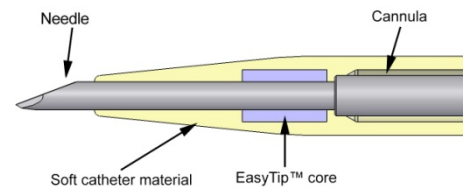
R58800-08-ND Rocket® Needle Drain

Dear Customer,

The **Rocket® Multipurpose Needle Drain Set** offers a purpose designed, cost-effective solution for routine fluid drainage procedures and is specifically designed for the drainage of abdominal ascites.

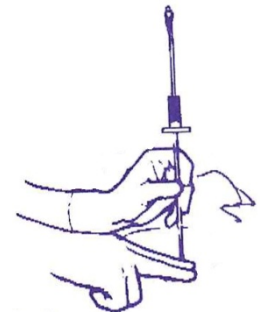
As part of our continuous product improvement programme, we are introducing a minor change to the R58800-08-ND Rocket® Multipurpose Needle Drain to further improve its penetration characteristics.

The **Rocket® Needle Drain** has an EasyTip™ core which prevents the soft catheter material from ruckling back during placement.



However, we have recently identified an insertion technique which may require the use of additional force to penetrate the peritoneum. Difficulty in insertion can occur when the needle set is gripped by the needle *shaft*, rather than the stitch plate.

This technique has been employed with the Bonanno type of suprapubic bladder drains. These drains typically use a hard PTFE type catheter material which is prone to kinking.



The **Rocket® Multipurpose Needle Drain** is made from a highly flexible, kink resistant material but, if gripped at the mid point of the shaft, it was possible for the soft catheter to be stretched *forward* beyond the sharp needle point so impeding penetration.

### Change:

The catheter has been shortened by 7mm. On loading, the needle locks against the EasyTip™ core taking up the material stretch. The catheter is now prevented from ruckling forward even if the needle is gripped by the shaft. This improvement will be applied to all future production batches.

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