



Transition Checklist for Nurses and Clinicians

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Every organization has a different process for implementing change, but all require a well-informed, properly prepared cross functional team. Use the following STEPS as a discussion guide for your transition team:

S	Supplier communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Familiarize yourself with all the product-specific changes <input type="checkbox"/> Practice new connections with all products affected by the new NRFit connector <input type="checkbox"/> Understand anticipated timing of the transition
T	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Engage your physician and nursing education team <input type="checkbox"/> Communicate importance of connector changes to enhance patient safety <input type="checkbox"/> Explain how new neuraxial systems will change and demonstrate how they will connect <input type="checkbox"/> Reinforce locking feature and safety benefits of the new NRFit connector <input type="checkbox"/> Identify a super user for each shift and seek hands-on training opportunities
E	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss implications of impending connector changes and transition process <input type="checkbox"/> Direct product-specific questions to the manufacturer/supplier <input type="checkbox"/> Direct procedural questions to a multidisciplinary transition team <input type="checkbox"/> Communicate the date of the transition within the facility with a list of all devices that are changing to the new NRFit connectors
P	Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assemble a multidisciplinary transition team to evaluate current procedures adjusting to include the new NRFit connectors <input type="checkbox"/> Update medication and delivery order sets for use of new NRFit products <input type="checkbox"/> Review pharmacy medication preparation and delivery processes to incorporate new Neuraxial-specific syringes
S	Supply management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Audit and consolidate all storage areas for neuraxial devices (sets, neuraxial-specific syringes, and patient access devices) in preparation for new inventory <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce excess inventory of neuraxial devices with current connectors <input type="checkbox"/> Let NRFit products flow through inventory <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid overstocking any legacy devices or NRFit Connector devices



Transition Checklist for Pharmacies

New design standards are being introduced for small bore connectors used on medical device tubing including new connectors for enteral, neuraxial, and respiratory devices. The new ISO 80369-6, NRFit connector for epidural regional anesthesia and other neuraxial application connectors, will no longer fit into ports other than the type for which they are intended, reducing the risk of misconnections between unrelated systems.

Pharmacies play a crucial role in this transition. Every organization has a different process for implementing change, but all require a well-informed, properly prepared cross functional team. Use the following STEPS as a discussion guide for your transition team.

S	Supplier communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Familiarize yourself with all the product-specific changes <input type="checkbox"/> Practice new connections with all neuraxial products <input type="checkbox"/> Understand how pre-filled syringes will affect any current procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Understand anticipated product availability and timing of the transition within your facility
T	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Train all pharmacy staff on new processes <input type="checkbox"/> Communicate importance of connector changes to enhance patient safety <input type="checkbox"/> Explain and demonstrate how new connectors have changed compared to the old connectors
E	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Understand all neuraxial procedures impacted by change <input type="checkbox"/> Direct product-specific questions to the manufacturer/supplier <input type="checkbox"/> Direct procedural questions to a multidisciplinary transition team
P	Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assemble a multidisciplinary transition team to review procedures and protocols to include new NRFit connectors <input type="checkbox"/> Assess and update medication preparation and delivery protocols and processes to incorporate new neuraxial syringes <input type="checkbox"/> Develop communication mechanisms between prescribers, nursing and pharmacy to identify patients needs <input type="checkbox"/> Inform prescribers and nursing staff that medication orders must specify route.
S	Supply management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assess storage space and work flow for neuraxial-specific syringe line <input type="checkbox"/> Determine supply levels and sizes of syringes with new NRFit connector and order once available <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce excess inventory of devices with current connectors

Transition Checklist for Supply Chain Personnel



New design standards are in place for small bore connectors used on medical device tubing including new connectors for enteral, neuraxial, and respiratory devices. The new ISO 80369-6, NRFit connector for small neuraxial connectors, will no longer fit into ports other than the type for which they are intended, reducing the risk of misconnections between unrelated systems.

Every organization has a different process for implementing change, but all require a well-informed, properly prepared cross-functional team. Use the following STEPS as a discussion guide for your transition team.

This is not intended to be a complete list, but use the STEPS below to get started:

S	Supplier communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Familiarize yourself with all the product-specific changes <input type="checkbox"/> Understand anticipated timing and product availability for the transition <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain item number changes with a cross-walk from product with current connectors to new NRFit connector <input type="checkbox"/> Clarify return policies during transition
T	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identify timeline for product availability in the facility and communication channels <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce excess inventory and discourage stockpiling of existing products to prevent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> delayed transition <input type="checkbox"/> inability to administer therapy <input type="checkbox"/> added carrying costs
E	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Communicate importance of connector changes to enhance patient safety <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare supply chain staff to order new products with proper connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Communicate the date of the transition within your facility and a list of all devices affected by the transition <input type="checkbox"/> Direct product-specific questions to the manufacturer/supplier <input type="checkbox"/> Direct procedural questions to a multidisciplinary transition team
P	Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assemble a multidisciplinary transition team including but not limited to clinicians (nursing, prescribers, pharmacy), supply chain, IT, risk managers, patient safety officers, biomedical engineers <input type="checkbox"/> Transition teams should fine-tune processes for new NRFit connectors <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate current procedures and supply chain needs during transition
S	Supply management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ask suppliers to have staff available on the day of the transition as there is likely to be a lot of equipment to be moved around <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce excess inventory of devices with current connectors <input type="checkbox"/> Allow new NRFit Connectors to flow through inventory <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid overstocking new neuraxial products