

Choice of Safety Pen Needles and Lancets

Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB recommends the use of safety needles costing **less than £13 per 100** needles and safety lancets costing **less than £6 per 100**, only in exceptional circumstances and where clinically appropriate. Providing safety needles does not replace the provision of education and training on correct use, and safe disposal of sharps. All the safety needles below utilise a passive mechanism for activating the safety features i.e. the safety feature locks automatically after injection to prevent accidental needle stick injuries. The safety needle with the lowest acquisition cost should be the preferred choice where possible, such as Apollo Pro-Shield Safety 4mm/30g. Speak to your ICB medicines optimisation team, if more expensive needles are requested which are above the £13 per 100 cost threshold.

Safety Needle Name	Length/Gauge	Price x 100 needles	Compatibility as stated by the manufacturer	Resources (ensure people are trained on how to use safety hypodermic equipment)
Apollo Pro-Shield Safety pen needles	4mm/31g 5mm/8mm – 31g	£9.95	Universal fit for most insulin pens	Apollo Pro-shield Safety
Microdot Max safety pen needles	5mm/30g	£12.89	Compatible with all major brands of insulin and GLP-1 pens	Microdot Max safety
Glucorx safety pen needles	5mm/8mm - 30g	£12.95	Universal fit on all insulin pens and Mounjaro KwikPen and Victoza injections	Glucorx safety

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Safety Lancet Name	Available Lengths	Gauge	Price x 100 lancets*	Resources (ensure people are trained on how to use safety hypodermic equipment)
Neon VeriFine Safety Lancets	1.8mm	23,28,30g	£2.99	Neon VeriFine safety lancets
	2.4mm	21g		

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