

Herefordshire Joint Formulary - Insulin Pen Needles

NICE guidelines ([NG17](#)) recommend after taking clinical factors into account, **choose needles with the lowest acquisition cost** to use with pre-filled and reusable insulin pen injectors.

Insulin Needles	Length /gauge	Cost £/100	Contacts for information	Notes
BD Viva ® <i>Becton Dickinson</i>	4mm/32g 5mm/31g 6mm/31g	£3.55 for 90 (£3.94 for 100)	Sally Warwick ☎ 07717 667 195 ✉ sally.warwick@bd.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review patients face to face annually as recommended by NICE. Pen needle fittings are universal & single use only. Discuss clinical need. Discuss injecting technique and how important it is to rotate insulin injection sites and avoid repeated injections at the same point within sites. The Forum for Injection Technique (FIT) UK considers the 4mm needle to be the safest pen needle for adults and children regardless of age, gender and Body Mass Index (BMI). Needles longer than 6mm not recommended. Longer needles may, in some cases, increase potential of inappropriate intramuscular injection of insulin resulting in hypoglycaemia. See Forum for injection Technique leaflet. Avoid /review 33 gauge needles cost significantly more. Provide suitable containers for collecting used needles and sharps. Sharps PIL & Sharps Formulary.
GlucorX Carepoint ® <i>GLUCORX</i>	4mm/31g 5mm/31g 6mm/31g	£2.75	Sohail Ismail ☎ 07785 618885 ✉ Sohail@glucorx.co.uk GlucorX Careline ☎ 01483 755 133	
Omnican Fine ® <i>BBraun</i>	4mm/32g 5mm/32g 6mm/32g	£3.95	Joanne.Dumpleton 07899 061173 ✉ joanne.dumpleton@bbraun.com Customer Services ☎ 0114 225 9000	
TriCare ® <i>Owen Mumford</i>	4mm/32g 5mm/31g 6mm/31g	£3.95	Liam Summerill ☎ 07825 021 773 lsummerill@agamatrix.com Customer Care ☎ 0800 093 1812	
SAFETY Needle	Length /gauge	Cost £/100	Contact for Information	
BD AutoShield Duo ™ <i>Becton Dickinson</i>	5mm/30g	£30.08	Sally Warwick ☎ 07717 667 195 ✉ sally.warwick@bd.com	Only to be used by District Nurses and Caregivers