

Important ABG Syringe Update

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Date:	March 3, 2021
To:	All NH staff
From:	NH Respiratory Services, NH Laboratory Services
Re:	Product Change for Arterial Blood Gas Syringes

Background:

Beginning in December 2020 due to increased global demand related to the COVID-19 pandemic there was a shortage of Trudell Arterial Blood Gas Syringes, therefore PHSA has issued a [Product Change for Trudell Arterial Blood Gas Syringes](#). A clinical review process has been completed to provide an alternative comparable product during this time of backorder. The backorder period was expected to be resolved by January 15, 2021, but is still on going. **This is a temporary solution** and when the backorder is resolved, Northern Health will resume use of Trudell syringes.

Important Alternative Product Information:

Please note the following:

-Kit Arterial Line Blood Gas 3 mL Syringe 25 Units Heparin, Luer Tip Cap CHS Product Code WESE3300-25 is a **Non-Vented syringe and is packaged without a needle**

-Kit ABG Syringe, 3 mL Pulset Cricket System Needle Protection, 23 Gauge X 1 inch, 25 units balanced Heparin CHS Product Code WES3303-95 is a **Vented syringe and is packaged with needle and protection system (vented and with protection system for arterial puncture)**

Order Information:

Please note the ordering information for these syringes on the PHSA Product Change attachment; the eRex numbers are very similar and only vary by one digit.

-Kit Arterial Line Blood Gas 3mL Syringe 25 Units Heparin, Luer Tip Cap CHS Product Code WESE3300-25 : **NHA eRex: 5521401**

-Kit ABG Syringe, 3mL Pulset Cricket System Needle Protection, 23 Gauge X 1 inch, 25 units balanced Heparin CHS Product Code WES3303-95: **NHA eRex: 5521411**