

Date: January 21, 2016
To: All Zones – Physicians, Nursing Staff
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: Incompatibility of NiaStase RT® pre-filled syringe with ICU Medical MicroClave® Neutral Connector needleless IV connector

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Key Messages:

- The NiaStase RT® pre-filled syringe of solvent is incompatible with the ICU Medical MicroClave® Neutral Connector needleless IV connector.

Why this is important:

- Damage to the NiaStase RT® syringe and/or the needleless IV connector may occur, preventing administration and resulting in loss of the product.

Action Required:

- If administering NiaStase RT® through the ICU Medical MicroClave® Neutral Connector needleless IV connector:
 1. Reconstitute the lyophilized NiaStase RT® using the vial adapter and pre-filled syringe of solvent included in the kit according to the product insert.
 2. Remove and discard the empty NiaStase RT® syringe from the vial adapter.
 3. Attach a sterile 10-mL plastic syringe on the vial adapter and withdraw the ordered amount of reconstituted NiaStase RT®.
 4. Proceed with administration as per routine procedure.
- For multiple vials, each vial should be reconstituted separately using a new vial adapter and pre-filled syringe of solvent contained in the kit. Withdraw the reconstituted NiaStase RT® using a sterile syringe large enough to contain the entire dose.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

- AHS Transfusion Safety Team
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- Your Zone Transfusion Safety Officer/Coordinator

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