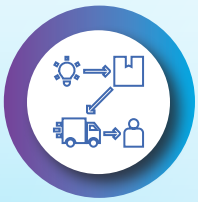
Benefits of ISO Standardization to the ENFit® Enteral Feeding Connector

Improved patient safety

While there are many supply chain, clinical, and user benefits associated with the standardized ENFit connector, improved patient safety is the key benefit and top priority.



Less supply disruptions / backorders

- Split production lines (legacy product & ENFit product) can now both run ENFit, doubling output.
- Warehousing capacities and safety stock levels can increase, since stock isn't split between legacy & ENFit.
- Raw materials are no longer being competed over by split product lines.
- Alternative suppliers are available because the standardized ENFit products all work together.
- Unlike ENFit, proprietary systems, often have no alternative supplier when a supply disruption occurs.

Patient Portability

With patients and facilities standardized to one system, there are no product incompatibilities when a patient is transferred, no matter whether that transfer is across the street or halfway across the globe.

Product Innovations

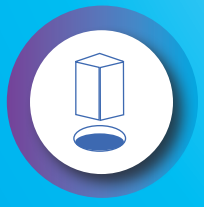
- With standardized connectors, new technologies emerge because the tech doesn't have to accommodate numerous connection types.
- Several new innovations, that improve patient outcomes and experiences, have already emerged around ENFit.
- Manufacturers are also able to allocate more resources into R&D, instead of having those resources managing split product lines.

Reduced Training

Clinicians are not having to constantly learn new product systems and connections because of ENFit's robust supply chain and multitude of backup suppliers.

More product options

With nearly all manufacturers standardizing to one connector, an enormous array of compatible products becomes available. Clinicians then have a greater ability to select the different features and benefits of products they want from different manufacturers, with the confidence that they will all be compatible with one another.



No more need for adaptors

Dissimilar systems require additional components to adapt/couple one system to the other. This creates extra SKUs and adaptors can have many negative benefits, as pointed out by ISMP[1], and they are also discouraged by the FDA[2].

[1] ISMP. Transition adapters for ENFit syringes can defeat the purpose of ENFIT itself. Institute For Safe Medication Practices. https://www.ismp.org/resources/transition-adapters-enfit-syringes-can-defeat-purpose-enfit-itself. Published September 21, 2017. Accessed July 15, 2022.
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