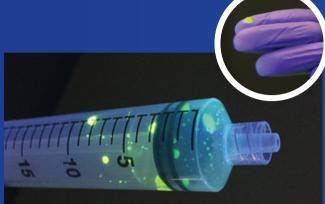
LifeFlow^{PLUS}

Are you contaminating your patients?



Bacteria from the provider's hand may be carried into the syringe. This area of the plunger should remain sterile.



Syringe contamination can be demonstrated using fluorescein and a gloved hand. With repeated emptying and refilling of the syringe, fluorescein travels past the plunger.

DID YOU KNOW...

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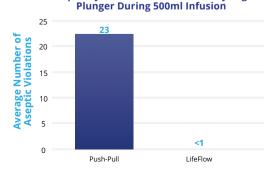
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Catheter-associated bloodstream infections occur more than twice as frequently with manually-filled syringes compared to manufacturer pre-filled syringes.⁵

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- All study participants using push-pull contacted the sterile portion of the syringe plunger
- Push-pull was associated with multiple aseptic technique violations related to contamination of the syringe barrel
- LifeFlow is more effective at maintaining aseptic technique during rapid resuscitation



Frequency of Contact with Sterile Syringe



LifeFlow can eliminate a potential source of pediatric catheter-associated bloodstream infections.



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When using push-pull, **providers** often violate aseptic technique - up to 23 times in one study.⁶



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WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Watch a short video that demonstrates how easily a syringe can be contaminated www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbdFezFD8LQ

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