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## SAFETY ALERT NOTICE.

Drug / Product / Device : **Phlebotomy / IV tourniquets**

### Identified Issue / Concern / Problem/ Evidence of harm.

A concern has been raised from an inspection prevention and control perspective with regard to the re-using of elasticated tourniquets of any make or type. For clarity, all tourniquet types available in NAS supply chain are single use only and must be disposed of after use. NAS does not sanction the use of non-supply chain items, but if used in the event of an emergency or unforeseen situation, these are also to be considered single use.

### Actions Required / Risk Treatment strategy

Ensure that only single use tourniquets (medlogistix code IV184) are ordered, stocked and in use in NAS, effective immediately.



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