

PRODUCT DISRUPTION BRIEF

Blood pressure cuffs (January 8)

Welch Allyn (Baxter) has resumed manufacturing and is beginning to ship product; allocation continues to be assessed and increased. GE has confirmed no impact to CRITIKON™ non-invasive blood pressure cuffs and related products.

Current conditions

Welch Allyn (Baxter)

On January 8, Baxter released **updated guidance** on its product allocations (see below) advising of the products that have been removed from allocation in addition to increasing production efforts on the remaining products to accelerate the backlog recovery with the hope that all products will resume normal lead times in March 2025. Allocation and production updates continue to be made available on [Baxter's Newsroom](#).

Blood Pressure Cuff Type	Historical Allocation Guidance (Nov 18, 2024)	Historical Allocation Guidance (Dec 16, 2024)	Current Allocation Guidance (Jan 13, 2025)	Anticipated Allocation (Feb, 2025)
FlexiPort Fully-Configured Reusable	100%	100%	No allocation	No allocation
FlexiPort Fully-Configured Soft	20%	20%	20%	20%
FlexiPort Fully-Configured Vinyl	20%	20%	20%	20%
FlexiPort Standardization/RAW Reusable	90%	90%	No allocation	No allocation
FlexiPort Standardization/RAW Soft	60%	75%	75%	85%
FlexiPort Standardization/RAW Vinyl	60%	75%	75%	85%
Neonatal Soft	100%	100%	No allocation	No allocation
Neonatal Vinyl	100%	100%	No allocation	No allocation
Trimline Reusable	100%	100%	No allocation	No allocation
Trimline Soft	80%	90%	No allocation	No allocation
Trimline Vinyl	80%	90%	No allocation	No allocation
Two-Piece Reusable	100%	100%	No allocation	No allocation

On December 23, Baxter released updated guidance on its product allocations for its highest utilized SKU's, increasing allocation from 70% to 85%. Real time supply updates continue to be posted to [Baxter's Newsroom](#).

On December 10, Baxter released updated **current product allocations** in addition to forecasted allocations for January 2025. Baxter continues to remain committed to accelerating the backlog recovery by investing in capital infrastructure allowing production in both Mexico and the U.S. which is anticipated to be operational in early 2025. Real time supply and progress updates continue to be posted to [Baxter's Newsroom](#).

On October 23, Welch Allyn (Baxter) issued a **customer letter**, announcing a temporary constraint on raw material availability for the Welch Allyn blood pressure cuff production out of their manufacturing plant in Tijuana, Mexico. U.S. imports of raw materials into Mexico are temporarily halted, pending release from the Mexican government authorities, which has led to a pause in production at our plant. This unplanned downtime will result in extended lead times, necessitating thoughtful conservation of supply, and implementation of a cleaning protocol to reuse BP cuffs as necessary. This impact carries into all types, reusable, disposable and eco, and all sizes of cuffs for unknown period of time.

GE

On October 30, GE issued a **customer letter** announcing they are not experiencing supply chain challenges with the non-invasive blood pressure cuffs. GE HealthCare CRITIKON™ non-invasive blood pressure cuffs and related products are not experiencing any current challenges and are able to support customers during this time. Recommended substitutions are available in the [customer letter](#).



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Alternatives

For cross references of the Welch Allyn portfolio download this [Excel file](#).

Conservation/mitigation strategies

Welch Allyn encourages during the gap in supply, to implement a cleaning protocol on your BP cuffs by the cleaning instructions provided in the Instructions for Use.

FlexiPort Soft and Vinyl Disposable cuffs:

- The term "disposable" in reference to Welch Allyn blood pressure cuffs is a model designator only and not meant to imply single patient use
- Cleaning instructions for the FlexiPort Soft and Vinyl Disposable Cuffs are available in the IFU: Click Here: [FlexiPort Disposable IFU*](#)

FlexiPort Reusable Cuffs:

- Cleaning instructions for the FlexiPort Reusable Cuffs are available in the IFU: Click Here: [FlexiPort Reusable IFU*](#)

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