

## PRODUCT DISRUPTION BRIEF

# Blood pressure cuffs (May 9)

Welch Allyn (Baxter) has confirmed that, effective May 12, 2025, all Welch Allyn blood pressure cuffs have been fully removed from allocation.

## Current conditions

### Welch Allyn (Baxter)

On May 9, Baxter **announced** that all Welch Allyn blood pressure cuffs will be removed from allocation effective May 12, 2025. This milestone follows strategic investments in U.S. manufacturing capacity, including two newly installed production machines. Baxter reaffirmed its commitment to supply continuity and proactive customer communication.

On March 28, Baxter released **updated guidance on product allocation**, signaling continued improvements in supply availability. As of the latest update, all cuff products have been removed from allocation, with the exception of two specific product lines. These remaining lines are expected to be removed from allocation as early as mid-April. Baxter is advancing its production capabilities, with expanded U.S.-based manufacturing expected to be functional in May. This initiative is part of the company's ongoing efforts to strengthen supply chain resilience and better serve its customers. Baxter will continue to provide updates on allocation status and production developments through its official **Newsroom**.

## History

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**.

## 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\***

## Additional resources

Supply assurance webpage; Vizient Newsroom



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