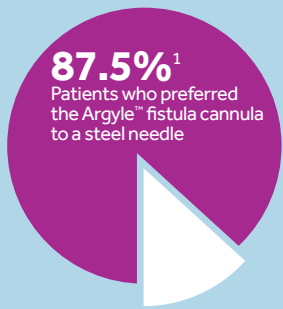


# INTRODUCING THE ARGYLE™ SAFETY FISTULA CANNULA

Finally, there's a flexible choice for you and your dialysis patients. Leveraging the progress made in hemodialysis treatment and technologies in Japan during the past 30 years, Medtronic offers a flexible fistula cannula. With an improved vascular access design meant to enhance clinician safety and patient comfort, the **Argyle™ fistula cannula demonstrates that flexibility in dialysis can be yours.**



*"The Argyle cannula needle has changed my experience in dialysis... I wish they'd had these things around when I first started dialysis!"*

WAYNE GRIGSBY  
25-year dialysis patient  
Victoria, Australia



The Argyle™ fistula cannula has two parts – a sharp metal **needle** with an integrated safety mechanism and a blunt **cannula**. Once the metal needle is removed, the safety mechanism is activated covering the sharp tip thus leaving only the flexible cannula in-situ for hemodialysis. This feature is designed to prevent needle-stick injuries.

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## Vascular Access

- The cannula is designed to accommodate varying vessel depths, including deep access.
- The cannula is DEHP- and latex-free.
- The plastic material is duller and more flexible than a steel needle.
- The plastic cannula flexes to accommodate tortuous vessels.
- Studied in comparison to a steel needle, the plastic cannula reduced the likelihood of hematoma.<sup>2</sup>
- In simulation, the plastic cannula did not infiltrate the AVF/AVG wall as compared to a steel needle, which damaged the artificial vessel.<sup>3</sup>

## Safety

- An integrated safety needle-stick prevention mechanism covers the needle tip when the puncture needle is removed.
- There is no need for the clinician to activate the safety mechanism.
- The Argyle™ safety fistula cannula is designed to prevent needle-stick injuries, which aligns with EU recommendations to protect healthcare workers and patients.<sup>4</sup>

## Patient Comfort

- The plastic cannula flexes to accommodate patient movement during the dialysis.
- In a survey of 40 dialysis patients, 87.5% preferred the Argyle™ fistula cannula over a steel needle to access their fistula or graft.<sup>1</sup>

| ITEM CODE | CANNULA   |             | COLOR      |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
|           | O.D. (mm) | Length (mm) |            |
| 1538VSVS  | 1.8 (15G) | 38          | Blue-Gray  |
| 1530VSVS  | 1.8 (15G) | 30          | Blue-Gray  |
| 1638VSVS  | 1.6 (16G) | 38          | White      |
| 1630VSVS  | 1.6 (16G) | 30          | White      |
| 1738VSVS  | 1.4 (17G) | 38          | Red-Violet |
| 1730VSVS  | 1.4 (17G) | 30          | Red-Violet |

**The order unit is a case containing 50 eaches.**



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