

What's the point of updating to a shorter, 6mm needle for your safety insulin syringes?



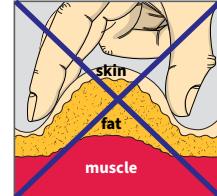
BD SafetyGlide™ Insulin Syringe with a 6mm needle



12.7mm (1/2 inch) needle

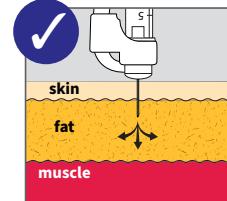
Less risk of needlestick injury

A 6mm needle does not require a pinch-up technique for most patients when given by a healthcare provider*, minimizing the risk of a needlestick injury through a pinch-up.¹



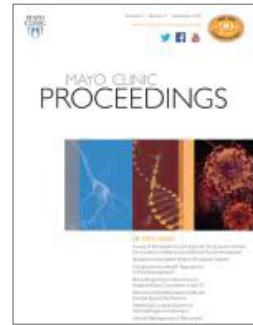
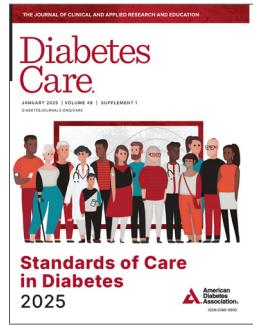
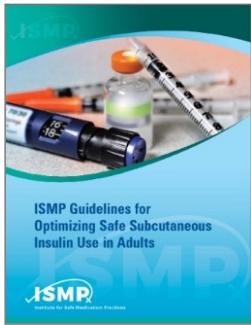
Less risk of intramuscular injection

Evidence suggests shorter needles lower the risk of intramuscular injection which is associated with frequent and unexplained hypoglycemia.²



A needle length that meets clinical recommendations

Insulin delivery recommendations published in the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), American Diabetes Association (ADA) Standards of Care, Mayo Clinic Proceedings, and Infection Control Today support the use of shorter needles (i.e. 6mm insulin syringes) for insulin delivery, including in obese adults.¹⁻⁴



The BD SafetyGlide™ insulin syringe with a 6mm needle is available in three barrel sizes:



Offered in three barrel sizes:

BD SafetyGlide™ insulin syringe

1 mL 31G × 6mm

- NDC / HRI: 08290-3284-49
- Catalog number: 328446

Quantity: 100 / Box

BD SafetyGlide™ insulin syringe

0.5 mL 31G × 6mm

- NDC / HRI: 08290-3284-47
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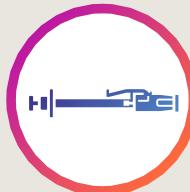
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BD SafetyGlide™ insulin syringe

0.3 mL with $\frac{1}{2}$ unit scale | 31G × 6mm

- NDC / HRI: 08290-3284-49
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a demo video

* Patients < 6 years old and very thin adults may require a pinch-up.

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