

Formulary fact sheet: universal lancets to be used for home blood glucose testing

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide guidance to clinicians when prescribing universal lancets to be used in finger pricking devices.

Key messages:

- Current **first line** formulary choices include Agamatrix ultra-thin 0.35mm/28g lancets, Agamatrix ultra-thin 0.2mm/33g lancets and Apollo Twist 0.36mm/28g lancets.
- Caresens 0.31mm/30g and 0.36mm/28g lancets remain **second line** choices.

Further good practice points:

- All lancets are for single use only.
- Sharps should be disposed of in a sharps disposal box or some people prefer to use a clipper, which then itself needs to be disposed of in a sharps disposal box.
- Ensure patients are educated about the safe disposal of needles via a sharps disposal box.
- Sharpsguard yellow one litre (87p per container) / Sharpsafe yellow one litre (85p per container) are suitable for insulin needles (and lancets) and are available on FP10. Needle clipping devices are prescribable at a cost of £1.50.
- Patients should register with the council for sharps collection via [their website](#) or by calling 0300 1234 141.

Agamatrix ultra-thin 0.35mm/28g lancets and Agamatrix ultra-thin 0.2mm/33g lancets



Come in a box of 200 lancets costing £5.43. Therefore £2.72 for 100 lancets.

Apollo Twist 0.36mm/28g lancets



Come in a box of 200 lancets £4.50 Therefore £2.25 for 100 lancets

Safety Lancets

These are considerably more expensive than standard lancets; they should only be prescribed for patients who are unable to self-test and require assistance from a healthcare worker to obtain a blood sample. They should not be prescribed for patients who self-test.

The formulary choice is **Safe-T Lance Plus**. Available sizes are: 1.4mm/25g 200 £9.82, 1.6mm/28g 200 £9.82, 1.8mm/18g 200 £9.00, 1.8mm/21g 200 £9.82.

