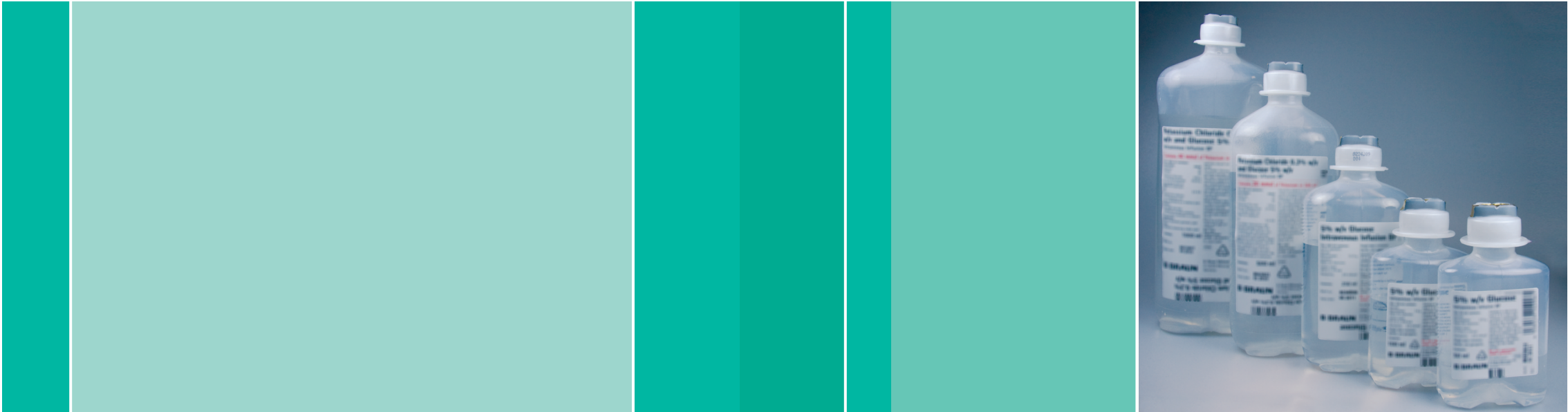


# Ecoflac<sup>®</sup> plus

## Frequently asked questions



# Ecoflac FAQs

## Fluid Administration

### 1. Can I put the giving set into the same port I made an addition in to?

B. Braun recommend using one port for additions and the other port for the giving set. Both ports are identical and sterile before the foil is removed.

**2. Does it need to be vented/do you need an air inlet?** No, Ecoflac plus has the appearance of a bottle which makes it easier to make additions to. However, as it collapses like a bag there is no need to use venting needles.

**3. Does it work with pumps?** Yes, Ecoflac plus is compatible with all infusion pumps on the market.

**4. Why is the label on in the direction it is?** Unlike an IV Bag, Ecoflac plus is designed to stand upright, for instance during drug admixture. The label is designed to be readable in this situation for the small volumes. With the larger volumes, where there is more room, the label can be read in both directions.

**5. Can Ecoflac be used with a fluid warmer?** Yes. Ecoflac can be used with fluid warmers, the 500 ml Ecoflac container is the best fit. All air must be removed from the Ecoflac plus container before use in a fluid warmer. Training will be provided by your local B. Braun sales specialist.

**6. How long can it stay in a warming cabinet?** Ecoflac plus has stability for 6 months at 40°C for saline, glucose and potassium products.

**7. Why no over wrap?** Traditional PVC bags have over wrap to prevent perfusion both in and out of the bag. Ecoflac plus is 100% Polyethylene and therefore PVC free, it has a very high degree of impermeability and therefore requires no over wrap and as a result provides less wastage. B. Braun believe the only part of the container that needs guaranteed sterility is the twincap, this is sterile until the foil is removed.

**8. How is it recyclable?** Polyethylene combusts to CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O only, with no toxic by-products.

**9. Why does Ecoflac plus contain air?** In order for Ecoflac plus to collapse at a uniform rate and act like a bag, there needs to be a certain amount of air in the container.

**10. How do you hang them up?** Using the integral hanger hook on the underneath of the Ecoflac plus container.

**11. Will it take any giving set?** Yes, all giving sets are compatible with Ecoflac plus.

**12. Will they cost more to dispose?** No, the weight of the container is no more than that of a PVC bag plus the weight of over wrap.

**13. Can I Pressure Infuse Ecoflac?** All air must be removed from the Ecoflac plus container before pressure infusion. Refer to the instruction on the product label to 'Expel all air before pressure infusion'. Further information is provided in the pressure infusion protocol.

**14. Can it be administered via blood sets?** IV fluids should always be administered through an IV fluid administration set.

**15. Is it latex free?** Yes, Ecoflac plus is 100% Latex free and PVC free.

