

## VACUETTE® Disposable Tourniquet Instructions for use

### Intended Use

The **VACUETTE®** Disposable Tourniquet is used in routine blood collection to apply pressure to the arm to make the veins more prominent and easier to feel and find. The product is to be used by appropriately trained healthcare professionals only in accordance with these instructions.

### Product Description

The **VACUETTE®** Disposable Tourniquet is made of synthetic rubber. It is not made with natural rubber latex to prevent allergies and skin irritation. The pre-perforated parts can be easily torn off as required.

### Handling

<p><b>1</b> Place the tourniquet 7.5-10 cm above the puncture site.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Wrap the <b>VACUETTE®</b> Disposable Tourniquet around the arm, crossing the strands over each other</p>	<p><b>3</b> Tuck the top strand under the crossed tourniquet to create a loop, without pulling the end through.</p>	<p><b>4</b> When the blood flows into the first tube, loosen the tourniquet by pulling the right end in an upward motion.</p>

If a tourniquet has been applied for longer than 1 minute, it should be released and reapplied after 2 minutes.<sup>1</sup>

### Precautions/Cautions

- Do not apply high pressures that may impair arterial blood flow to the extremity.
- Release tourniquet as soon as blood starts to flow into the first tube.
- Too long and too high stasis may contribute to haemolysis.
- Do not use on broken skin.
- Dispose tourniquet immediately after use and do not re-use.
- Reuse of the disposable tourniquet can lead to illness for the patient due to cross-contamination.

Should any serious incidents occur in relation to the product, these must be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority in the member state, in which the user/patient is established.

### Storage

Avoid exposure to direct sunlight.  
Storage temperature: up to 25°C

### Disposal

Dispose of according to your facility's policy.

### Label information

	Manufacturer		Upper limit of temperature
	Use-by date		Do not re-use
	Batch code		Consult instructions for use
	Catalogue number		Medical device
	Keep away from sunlight		

Literature:  
<sup>1</sup>CLSI GP41-A7: CLSI. Collection of Diagnostic Venous Blood Specimens. 7th ed. CLSI standard GP41

