

To: Vermont Health Care Providers and Health Care Facilities
Date: May 12, 2026
From: Allison Lafferty, M.D., Healthcare-associated Infections Program Director

Contaminated IV Sets from ICU Medical

Requested Actions

- **Inspect all ICU Medical IV infusion sets** for any visual contamination.
- **If any visible contamination is identified:**
 - Sequester the entire lot.
 - Contact the Vermont Department of Health for further instructions (AHS.VDHHAIEpi@vermont.gov).
 - File an [FDA MedWatch report](#).
 - Alert ICU Medical.

Background

The Maine and Pennsylvania Departments of Health are investigating reports of contaminated IV tubing sets from a single manufacturer with national distribution. The contamination is reported as small black dots embedded on the internal walls of the drip chambers or in the lumen or chamber of the tubing. It is reported across numerous lots across several product types from **ICU Medical** distributed by Medline.

The following products have been implicated to date:

- Primary PLUM set Clave Port, CLAVE Y-Site Secure Lock 103 inch
- Primary Set Piggyback with Backcheck Valve, 2 CLAVE Y-Sites, Secure Lock, 100 inch
- Secondary Set Secure Lock, 34 inch with IV Set Hanger

The presence of foreign material in the tubing may pose a health risk to patients. It is unknown whether the particulates contain biologic material. To date, no adverse events have been reported linked to the contaminated products. The manufacturer, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the CDC have been notified. As of May 12, 2026 no recall has been issued.

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Photos of contaminated drip chambers:



Photographs of the contamination courtesy of Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

Additional Resource

[Ongoing Investigation of Contaminated IV Sets from ICU Medical | Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Allison Lafferty (Allison.Lafferty@vermont.gov)

To have your information updated please email the Vermont HAN Coordinator at: vthan@vermont.gov.

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