Combine Faultless Accuracy with Advanced Safety

Now your safety is just a click away. Designed to minimize the risk of needlestick injuries, the Cricket™ safety shield extends quickly and locks over the used needle to prevent accidental needlesticks. The Cricket safety system complies with all FDA, OSHA and NIOSH guidelines.

Healthcare providers who collect arterial blood gas samples are at risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens. Responding to the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act, which requires all healthcare providers in the United States to use medical devices with “engineered sharps-injury protection,” OSHA revised the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard. This revision addresses the need for employers to select safer needle devices and to involve employees in identifying and choosing these devices.¹

Reference Articles:
- AARC Clinical Practice Guideline, Blood Gas Analysis and Hemoximetry: 2001 Revision and Update
- Errors in the Measurements of Blood PCO₂ Due to Dilution of the Sample with Heparin Solution; JG Bradley
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¹ Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor
Introducing the Mosquito® Arterial Blood Gas Sampler

The challenge:
Eliminate pre-analytical errors in arterial blood gas collection.

The Westmed solution:
The Mosquito® Arterial Blood Gas Sampler

As arterial blood gas collection has evolved over the past three decades, the presence of air in the sample and inconsistent sample sizes have remained the primary causes of specimen contamination. Now the revolutionary Mosquito Arterial Blood Gas Sampler redefines collection accuracy with a proprietary, anaerobic design that virtually eliminates the potential for pre-analytical sampling errors.

A plungerless design features an easy-to-grip external barrel, similar in diameter to the familiar 3ml syringe. The unique inner collection lumen ensures an exact sample size every time. Arterial pressure fills the Mosquito sampler rapidly, so flush back and fill time occur almost simultaneously. With minimal mixing, the special balanced Lithium/Zinc heparin formulation results in no CO₂ dilutional error, and only nominal effect on specific analytes.

Proprietary Inner Collection Lumen ensures a fixed sample size every time

Unique Plungerless Design eliminates inconsistent sample sizes

Hydrophobic Filter maintains anaerobic integrity

External Lumen facilitates size and handling

Needless
for in-line applications

No Plunger
No Air
No Tapping

22, 23 or 25 Gauge Needles enhance patient comfort
while reducing the potential for arterial trauma

Take the sting out of pre-analytical sampling errors

We’ve made it easier for you and less traumatic for your patient. The anaerobic “plungerless” design results in a fixed sample size and virtually errorless sampling.

- No plunger to set.
- No tapping required.
- No filter needed to expel air bubbles.

Fixed volume eliminates inconsistent sample size.

- Repeatable process in micro sampling.
- Standardization in blood collection.

Micro sampling significantly reduces the amount of blood required for accurate analysis.

- Benefits both user and patient.
- Collection sample size matches current analyzer technology requirements.
- Available in 280 & 500 Microliter Samplers

22, 23 or 25 gauge needles enhance patient comfort.

- Reduce trauma to the artery and surrounding area.
- Minimize potential for re-sticks.
- Clear hub facilitates visualization of arterial puncture.

Similar in size to a 3ml syringe.

- External barrel diameter is familiar, lightweight and easy to use.

Special balanced Lithium/Zinc heparin formulation results in accurate blood gas and electrolyte sampling.

- Rapid anticoagulation action.
- Minimal mixing required.
- No CO₂ dilutional error.
- Nominal effect on specific analytes.

A Heritage of Innovation

For nearly three decades, the management of Westmed has been instrumental in the development of innovative arterial blood gas sampling solutions. Our heritage includes the introduction of dry heparin and the addition of state-of-the-art safety protection. Now the Mosquito Arterial Blood Gas Sampler raises the bar in collection performance and your safety in blood gas analysis.