

# Injecting equipment available at RUSH Needle and Syringe Program



## Fitpacks

### Fits

Fit refers to the needle & syringe as a whole unit



'Fitpacks' are designed to provide users with a safe place to put their used needles.

Used syringes can be inserted into a slot inside the Fitpack which keeps them secure prior to disposal.

All packs contain 1ml fits, some also have cotton wool, swabs, sterile water and spoons.

## 27g Fits



Insulin syringes are suitable for intravenous and subcutaneous injections.

1ml fits are often used for drugs that don't require a great deal of fluid to dissolve. They are most commonly used to inject Insulin and powdered drugs such as Heroin, Cocaine and Speed.

We stock three different brands of 1ml fits with a 27g needle (Terumo, BD, Nipro). We also stock 27g 0.5ml Terumo fits.

## 29g Fits



Similar to the 27g fits in function, however the BD Ultra Fine has a 29g needle which is the narrowest needle available.

This is a more comfortable option for some users and causes less vein damage. Often used to inject peptides.

## Needles

A needle can also be called a *pick* or a *tip*

Needle gauge (g) refers to the thickness of the needle (external diameter)

The higher the gauge, the thinner the needle

Different gauge needles are used for different administration methods and different drug types

Needles attach to the end of a syringe (barrel)



### 18g (Pink)

Are used for drawing up large volumes of liquid.

**Not to be used for injection** and are not suitable for vials with rubber bung



### 19g (Beige)

Are used for drawing up large volumes of liquid. **Not to be used for injection** but are suitable for vials with rubber bung



### 21g (Green)

Used for intramuscular injections. Longer needles allow for deep muscle tissue penetration. Used for injecting steroids.



### 23g (Blue)

Used for intramuscular injection with drugs such as steroids. 23g best for users with a lower muscle mass.



### 25g (Orange) 1" & 5/8

Used for intravenous injections often in combination with a 3ml or 5ml barrel to inject methadone. With steroid used for intramuscular injections (only 25g 1")



### 27g (Grey)

Used for intravenous injections. Same size as Terumo 1ml needle, smallest tip we stock.

## Syringes (barrels)



1ml Syringes or barrels are used when a larger volume of fluid is to be injected

3ml Barrels may be used to inject drugs such as methadone, crushed & dissolved pills or steroids

5ml We stock 1mls, 3mls, & 5mls

## Filters



### Cotton Wool

Used to filter the solution prior to injecting.  
Also used to clean up blood after an injection by holding the cotton wool on the injecting site



### Red wheel filter (1.2µm)

Used to filter the solution prior to injecting by removing particles like chalk. Used for filtering Dexamphetamine, Oxycodone, OxyNorm.



### Blue wheel filter (0.22µm)

Used to filter the solution prior to injecting to remove bacteria. Used for filtering Cocaine, Heroin, Methadone, Methamphetamine.

## Tourniquets



Used to restrict blood flow in order to locate a vein prior to injection

These latex tourniquets are for single use only and are disposable along with all other injecting equipment

## Water



Drugs need to be in liquid form to be injected

Water is used to dissolve pills and powders and to dilute methadone syrup

These ampoules of 10ml water are single use only, and not to be re-used

## Spoon



Spoons are used for mixing and dissolving drugs prior to injection.

Spoons are not sterile and should be swabbed before use. Spoons are intended for single use only

## Swabs



Swabs are used to clean the site prior to injection.

Swabs should not be used to wipe the site after injection as this may stimulate further bleeding

## Disposal containers



Sharps disposal containers are used to safely dispose of used injecting equipment such as fits, swabs, spoons, tourniquets.

750ml, 1.4L, 1.8L, 3ml, 8L

**Sharing of any of this equipment can result in the transmission of viruses such as HIV, Hepatitis B and C**