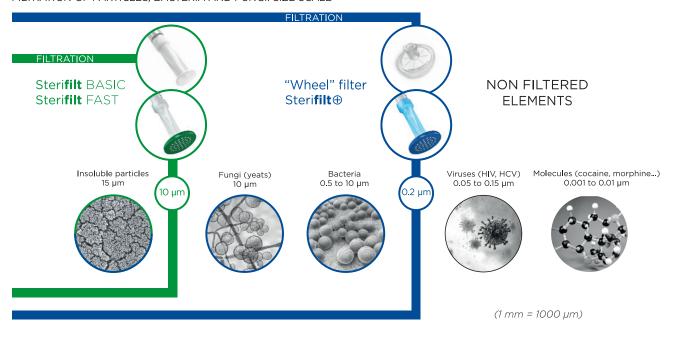


Sterifilt to is the first antibacterial filter specifically developed to reduce harms associated with injection drug use.

Sterifilt provides the highest level of filtration to the largest number of users.





## ELIMINATION OF BACTERIA AND FUNGI

- The mix to be injected may be contaminated with living **microorganisms**: bacteria and fungi. This contamination comes from different sources:
- → soiled hands
- → non sterile preparation tools or water,
- → contamination of the drug itself.
- When injected, these microorganisms can reach various organs (sepsis), and cause potentially serious **infections**, especially in the lungs, bones, brain and heart.
- Sterifilt $\oplus$  is equipped with a **0.22 \mu m** antibacterial membrane that removes over **99.9% of bacteria** and fungi.

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## ELIMINATION OF INSOLUBLE PARTICLES

- Like Sterifilt BASIC and FAST, Sterifilt® removes almost all insoluble particles: **cutting agents** of street drugs and **excipients** of tablets/capsules.
- Several complications are associated with the injection of such particles, especially at the injection site (abscesses, ulcers). Once injected, some of these particles remain intact, circulate in the blood and can **block the narrowest vessels**, for example pulmonary capillaries where they are likely to pile up.

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## THE FIRST ANTIBACTERIAL FILTER DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS

- Sterifilt enables a quick filtration in one single step.
- It fits onto the most common syringes, whether with fixed needle (low dead space) or needleless with Luer slip tip. The former reduce the risk of viral transmission in case of exchange or accidental sharing.
- It enables a quick filtration of both powders and tablets/capsules.
- It does not remove the active molecules and does not alter the desired effect of the injection.
- ullet A study carried out in 2020-2021 in eight needle exchange programmes demonstrated the good acceptability of Sterifiltullet by users.

REDUCE RISK FACTORS \_

THE ANTIBACTERIAL FILTRATION... AN ESSENTIAL THOUGH NOT SUFFICIENT ACTION!

- → Most bacterial or fungal **infections** associated with injection drug use are caused by bacteria and fungi present **on the skin and in the mouth.**
- $\rightarrow$  In addition to using Sterifilt $\oplus$ , it is recommended to use **sterile equipment**, wash hands, disinfect the injection site and to never lick the needle.

NO FILTER ELIMINATES VISUSES: THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT VIRAL TRANSMISSIONS IS TO NEVER SHARE ONE'S EQUIPMENT.

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