

# Stericup

To each his own colour



**Stericup® is a sterile, single use cooker of 2.5 ml. It was developed in order to avoid the use of makeshift cookers as well as their reuse and sharing. Its 5 different colours serve to protect against accidental sharing.**

## Aims

- To promote personal and single use of sterile cookers in order to reduce the risks associated with the preparation of injections
- Promotes aseptic preparation and reduces the risk of bacterial contamination (abscesses, endocarditis...) linked to the use of non-sterile cookers, filters and swabs.
- Encourages, by its colours, personal identification strategies and reduces the risk of viral transmission (HIV, hepatitis B and C) due to the reuse and sharing of cookers, filters and post injection swabs.

## Characteristics

Each Stericup® contains:

- **One sterile cooker:**
  - Stericup®: maximum capacity of 2.5 ml, allows to heat solutions up to 1.5 ml easily
  - Greater stability ensured by a plain surface
  - Aluminum alloy which safety has been proven
  - Due to the material used and its relatively low thickness, the Stericup® becomes flimsy after a first use. This may prevent reuse.
- **One heat resistant plastic handle** that prevents burns to fingers.
- **One sterile cotton filter:**
  - Due to its small size compared to cigarette filters and other makeshift filters, it retains less active drug
  - Its high density ensures an improved filtration efficacy
  - Encourages the single use of sterile filters
- **One dry post-injection swab:**
  - Used to compress the vein after injection, ensures better healing and preserves the venous capital
  - Absorbs blood and reduces hand-borne viral transmission

## Clinical History

The Stericup® has been developed in France since 1996 with the involvement of needle exchange programmes. Its safety and efficacy have been validated through laboratory testing using brown and white heroin, cocaine hydrochloride, crack cocaine, amphetamines, and crushed tablets.

With the support of Public Health authorities, the Stericup® is available in pharmacies and harm reduction programmes in many countries throughout the world.

**Stericup® is a CE registered medical device.**



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