

## To each his/her own colour





Stericup<sup>®</sup> 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...) associated with 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:

- A sterile cooker:
- ightarrow 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
- $\rightarrow$  Due to the material used and its relatively low thickness, the Stericup® becomes flimsy after its first use, thereby limiting the temptation to use it again.
- A heat resistant plastic handle to protect fingers from burns.
- A sterile cotton filter:
- ightarrow 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
- A dry post-injection swab:
  - → Enables to compress the vein after injection, to ensure a better healing and preserve 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, crushed tablets and capsules. Thanks to the support of Public Health authorities, the Stericup® is distributed in French pharmacies and through harm reduction programmes in more than 20 countries throughout the world. Since 2019, the Stericup® is equipped with an attached overmoulded handle, for an increased stability.

Stericup® is a CE registered medical device.

