



## Next generation incubators feature 'kangaroo mode'

Setting the standard for a new generation of incubators, the Caleo from Dräger Medical brings many new benefits to neonatal staff and parents.

The four pillars of the Caleo® care concept – access, ease of use, developmental care and modularity – combine to create a sophisticated level of neonatal therapy:

**Access:** This incubator is designed for maximum access without affecting the controlled microclimate. Its generously designed JumboPorts give full, climate controlled access to any part of the bed so that endotracheal intubation and minor surgical procedures can be carried out inside the incubator.

**Ease of use:** Ease of operation is a key feature – the O<sub>2</sub> sensor, for example, only requires calibrating once a year and the intuitive control panel makes sophisticated functions simple. Caleo's trend parameters are adjustable from three hours to seven days and the thermomonitoring display shows central and peripheral temperature trends.

**Developmental care:** Clinical practice indicates that kangaroo care can be very beneficial for premature babies. Caleo is the first incubator to feature kangaroo mode that allows continuous monitoring of the baby's temperature. Caleo combines the benefits of natural bonding and closer than ever physical contact with a minimum of stress for parents, staff and most importantly, the baby.

**Modularity:** Caleo is designed as a platform for the future. So a neonatal unit can buy what is needed today and upgrade as required tomorrow.

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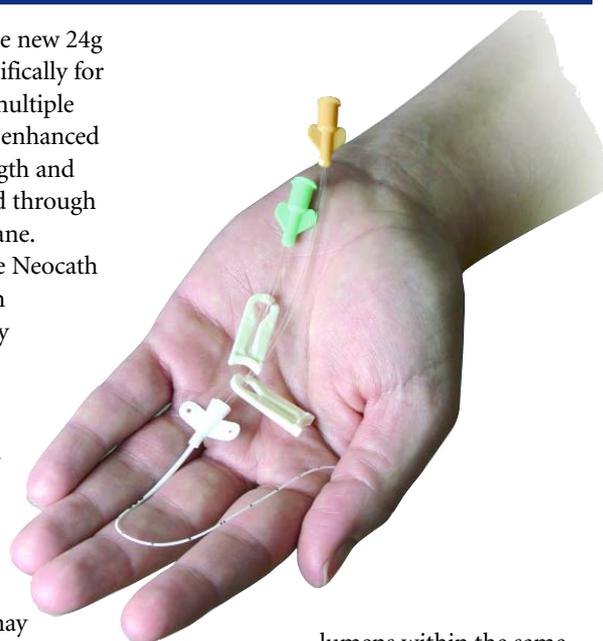
## Dual lumen catheter offers enhanced fluid management

Vygon (UK) Ltd has designed the new 24g Nutriline Twin-Flo catheter specifically for use with neonates who require multiple infusions. The two lumens offer enhanced fluid management and the strength and security of the catheter is assured through the use of thin walled polyurethane.

Insertion is via Vygon's unique Neocath Split – a 20G split cannula which provides the ability to completely remove the cannula post line insertion.

Traditionally, multiple infusions have been managed by the use of a single lumen long line with various connections attached in an attempt to accommodate the cocktail of drugs and fluids that neonates may require. Unfortunately, this presents the clinician with potential drug compatibility issues, often resulting in the necessity to insert a secondary line with all the associated complications.

By providing the option of two separate



lumens within the same line, these problems may be overcome and the trauma of a second IV line for the neonate avoided.

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## Parent's guide to finding reliable medical information on the web

A quick guide for parents trawling the internet in search of medical information is available from national charity Contact a Family, to help them judge if a website is reliable, and eliminate anything misleading or sensationalist.

Entitled *Finding medical information on the internet*, the leaflet has been designed with the parents of disabled children in mind, but makes many points which apply to anyone using the internet to research a medical condition.

The leaflet was produced in response to concerns from paediatricians and condition support groups who found that some parents were getting the wrong information from the web or were spending large sums of money on unnecessary treatment.

When consulting a website, the guide recommends parents ask themselves a number of questions, for example is the website produced by a well respected, independent organisation or is it there to sell a product? It also provides tips on using support group websites – which are produced by groups of parents whose children are affected by the same condition; and lists other key considerations e.g. remembering that one condition can affect different children differently. A list of useful websites is also included.

The guide is part of Contact a Family's *Parents and Paediatricians Together* project, funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

Contact a Family: 020 7608 8700, [www.cafamily.org.uk](http://www.cafamily.org.uk). Visit [www.judgehealth.org.uk](http://www.judgehealth.org.uk) for full guidelines on medical information on the internet

### finding medical information on the internet



- Families with a child who has a disability or health condition often use the Internet to search for information and support.
- The Internet can be a very useful source of information, but the large amounts, and types of websites can result in confusion.
- This leaflet aims to help families judge if a website provides relevant, quality information.



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