What is Boston Scientific Doing?
Device manufacturers are in different phases of making this transition. Boston Scientific is introducing a new connector in an effort to help reduce the risk of enteral tube feeding misconnections and improve patient safety. The EndoVive™ family of products will transition to the new connectors. Transition connectors will also be available so the devices may be used with existing enteral syringes and feeding tubes.

Supporting Patient Safety and Education
Boston Scientific is a Charter Member of the Global Enteral Device Supplier Association (GEDSA) that is working to help educate the health care community about new standards in medical device tubing connectors to enhance patient safety.

Compliance with the new standards will help facilitate compatibility between feeding tubes and extension sets. GEDSA members have worked together to develop an enteral-specific plan for the introduction of the new ENFit Connector system. The new connectors are designed to adhere to standards established by the International Organization of Standardization, also known as ISO.

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Understanding the Connector Changes
Important changes have been in works to address safety issues related to tube feeding. New standards have resulted in the design of the ENFit™ Connector to help reduce the risk of a non-feeding tube device being connected to a feeding tube port.

All enteral access devices, including feeding tubes, administration sets and enteral syringes will be impacted by these changes. The new connectors for nutrition formula feeding have already been implemented. Enteral-specific syringes will be required to connect to the new enteral tube port for medication administration, flushing, and bolus feeding.

The Importance of Adopting the New ENFit Connector Design

- Provides a way to reduce the risk of enteral tube feeding misconnections
- Addresses “patient side” connections between feeding tubes, administration sets, medication, flush and bolus feeding syringes, and other enteral devices
ISO Connector Transition Phases

New ENFit Connectors to help reduce the risk of enteral tube feeding misconnections

Original State
Currently, products are designed with luer-style connections. Enteral feeding connections may be used with Christmas tree adaptors, slip tip adaptors, and luer syringes.

ENFit Administration Sets Available
ENFit administration sets now will have a transition connector to facilitate compatibility between the ENFit designs with original designs.

ENFit Feeding Ports Available
New ENFit feeding tubes are available. A feeding port transition connector may be needed to connect to non-ENFit administration sets.

Transition Phase

Transition to ENFit Complete
ENFit administration sets and feeding ports are used for enteral feeding. The transition for administration sets, syringes, and feeding tubes is complete and the use of transition connectors will no longer be necessary.