



WANTED: PVC-free blood bag

There are no PVC-free blood bags for red blood cells on the market today. It has to change and the project PVCfreeBloodBag is a part of it.

“This project has two objectives: To increase demand from healthcare organizations and to show that it is possible to make a PVC-free blood bag that fulfils the requirements specification”, says project manager Lena Stigh, from the Jegrelius Institute for Applied Green Chemistry, part of the Regional Council of Jämtland, in Sweden. The development towards a pvc free

blood bag has already begun and the work with increased demand is an ongoing process.

“An important factor to increase demand is by disseminating knowledge and awareness together with European healthcare”.

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WHY NEW BAGS?

Blood bags that are 30–40 percent DEHP are used in healthcare throughout the world. DEHP is classified as a reproductive toxin and is forbidden in toys. The latest directive regarding medical devices emphasizes the importance of labeling devices

containing DEHP and evaluating the risks of using DEHP in devices for sensitive groups. Demanding a PVC-free bag means avoiding risks with other plasticizers as well as global environmental problems with PVC.

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How many blood bags do you use?

Help us calculate how much we can gain by exchanging the current bloodbags for new pvc-free ones.

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Project Manager invited to the European Parliament

In March 2013 project manager Lena Stigh was invited to the European Parliament for a lunch debate on how to move towards a non-toxic European healthcare. In addition Lena Stigh also participated in a policy strategy meeting on how to phase out EDCs in medical devices.

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France bans the use of tubes containing DEHP in certain wards

France passed a law that for the first time bans the use of tubes containing di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) in paediatrics, neonatology and maternity wards in hospitals.

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Important movie release Hazardous Chemicals in our Blood

The Ecological Council in Denmark has released a documentary on phthalates in medical devices.

In the film the PVCfreeBloodbag project is referred to several times and project member Melitek participates as an good example of companies that aims towards safer chemical compounds. The film is suitable as a basis for teaching and discussion. It is aimed primarily



Short version of the film - click at the screen

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at highschool students, student nurses and health interested citizens.