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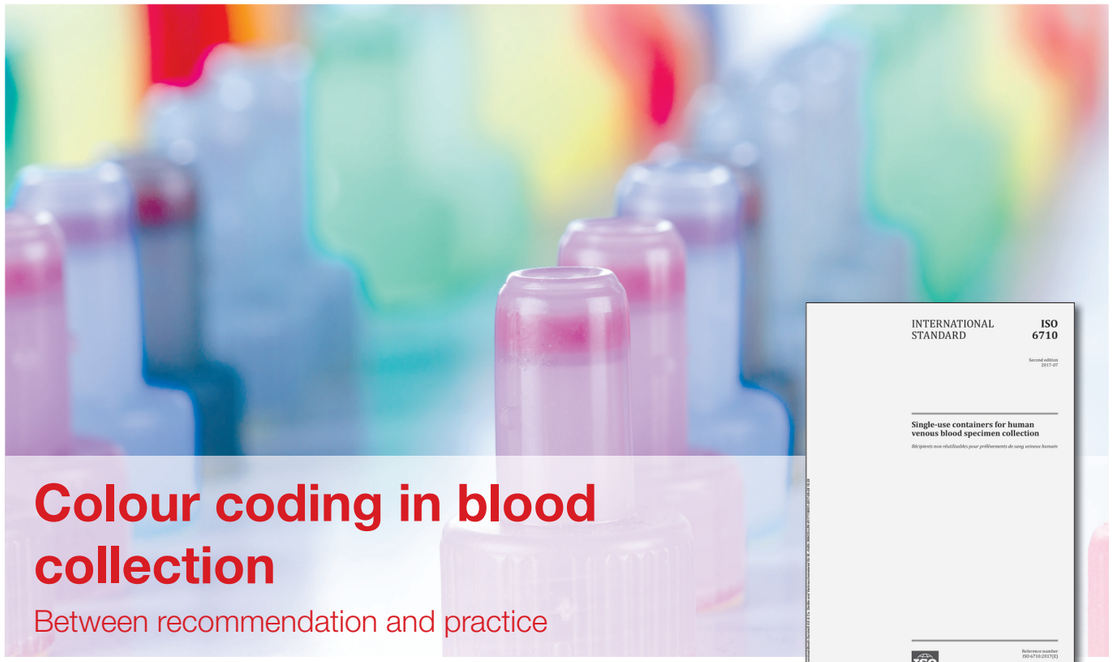

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The cap colours of the blood collection tubes play a significant role in the visual identification of the preparations.

With the ‘EU colour code’ (based on BS 4851) and the ‘US colour code’ (based on ISO 6710), Sarstedt’s product portfolio contains the two most common current variants of colour coding in blood collection. SARSTEDT can thus ensure that all customer requirements and preferences are satisfied in full.

ISO 6710:2017, published in July 2017, met the desire for a worldwide standardisation of cap colours for blood collection tubes; this was incorporated in Annex F of this document as a recommendation. As per the wording in the introduction of the ISO document, in the next five years the market will decide on the extent to which the current recommendation will become binding the next time the document is revised.

Should you already be interested in switching now, SARSTEDT will be able to implement your plans. As an expert and service-orientated partner, SARSTEDT can offer you the full portfolio of blood collection systems in line with ISO 6710:2017.

We will be happy to provide you with advice and support during the switching process.

	CURRENT		NEW
Description	‘EU code’ Based on BS 4851	‘US code’ Based on ISO 6710	ISO 6710:2017
S-Monovette® Serum			
S-Monovette® Serum Gel			
S-Monovette® Citrate (1:10)			
S-Sedivette® ESR (1:5)			
S-Monovette® Lithium Heparin			
S-Monovette® Lithium Heparin Gel			
S-Monovette® EDTA KE			
S-Monovette® Glucose FE/FH (Fluoride/EDTA)			
S-Monovette® GlucoEXACT (Fluoride/Citrate)		-	
S-Monovette® metal analysis			

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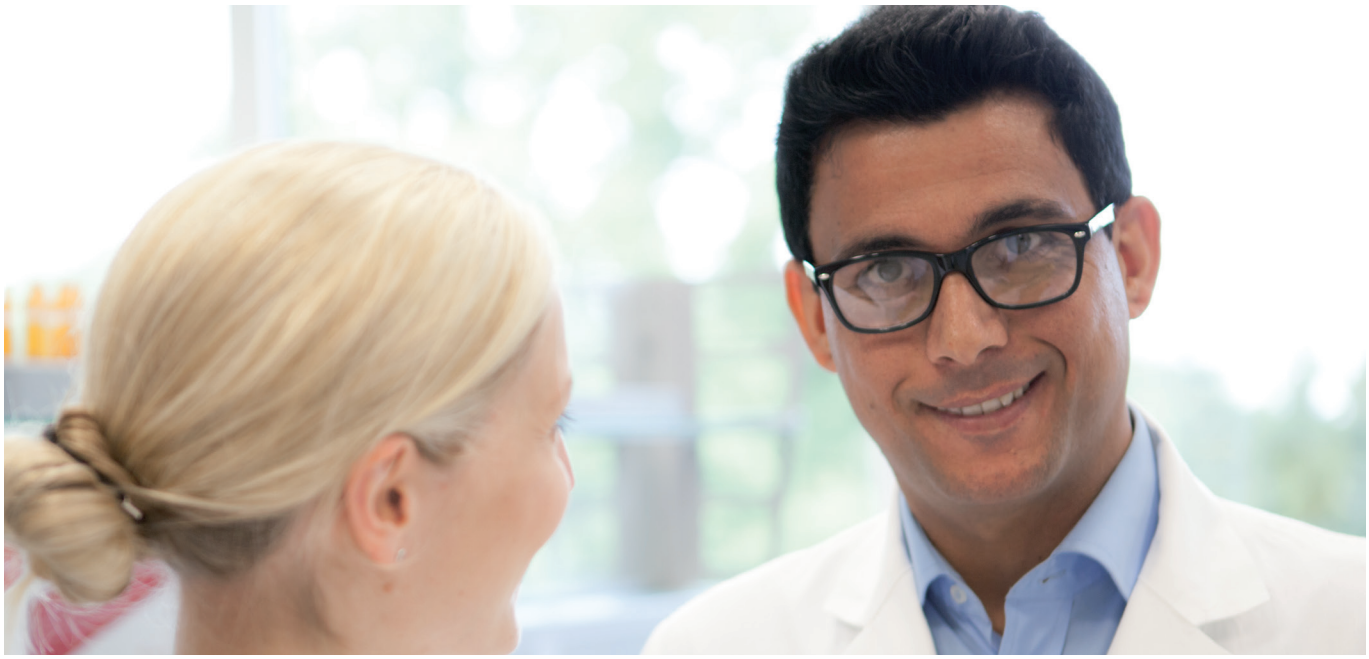

Are you interested in updating to ISO 6710:2017?

Simply contact your SARSTEDT product consultant and benefit from our experience. We will be happy to help you plan an efficient switch to ISO 6710:2017.

So that the switch goes as smoothly as possible, we recommend that you:

- Inform all internal and external contact partners and bodies. That way, you can ensure that the entire process is taken care of from receipt of goods, to collection from the patient, through to the laboratory.
- Make sure that you plan for an appropriate lead time.
- Start by speaking to the manufacturer of your diagnostics systems.
- Use this opportunity to optimise your range of products at the same time.

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