

# Supply Chain Resource Council (SCRC) Report

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## Executive Summary

[Angels for Change](#) presented to the Council this month. Laura Bray, Chief Change Maker shared the non-profit, volunteer supported organization's mission to end drug shortages through advocacy, awareness and a resilient supply chain. AHRMM and Angels for Change have agreed to information sharing and exploring collaboration opportunities.

BACTEC updates, situational awareness monitoring, and new disruptions rounded out the meeting.

Details can be found in the full report below, and on our newly developed [Supply Chain Resource Council webpage](#).

## ▲ Field Updates

- **Extending expiration dates for BD Bactec Blood Culture** was discussed. Feedback received was that on-hand inventory levels are so tight that all available inventory is being used before becoming short or outdated.

The latest supply updates from BD are listed below, as is the link to the AHRMM BD webinar from August 27<sup>th</sup> and registration to the upcoming BD webinar on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

- BD continues to use the BD BACTEC update website as their primary source of information. <https://bdbactec-update.com/>
- They remain on track for meeting 100% of historic weekly demand in the U.S. by the end of September, and are focused on rebuilding inventory in the distributor channel
- Supply from their distributor continues to improve, with support and investment from BD. In the last several weeks, they have seen marked improvement in the supply of plastic bottles. Sustained production at those levels will go a long way to refilling the channel
- BD BACTEC™ in glass vials is launching for customers this week (customer email template attached). When fully integrated into the supply chain, glass vials will take additional pressure off plastic production as shared with HHS
- BD BACTEC™ remains on manual allocation. BD understands that customers are not yet receiving steady supply from them direct, or their distributors. Getting to consistent historical demand, and quickly rebuilding channel inventory, remains their focus

**BD - BD BACTEC™ Blood Culture Vial Production & Supply Update Webinar**, Thursday, September 19th from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. ET. [Click here to register](#).

The **BD AHRMM webinar and Q&A**, will continue be available through 4pm CST Tuesday, September 17th

- **The FDA released an updated safety communication** on Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> - [Related Recalls- Plastic Syringes Made in China for Potential Device Failures](#). The update includes recalls from pack and tray manufacturers Beaver Visitec International, Inc., Cardinal Health, and Cypress Medical Products. The updated communication also listed [McKesson sterile 60CC Luer Lock Tip Syringe, Model No. 102-S60C](#).

## **Reported Shortages and Disruptions**

- [McKesson sterile 60CC Luer LockTip Syringe, Model No. 102-S60C](#)
- BD Chloraprep™ 10.5 mL and 26 mL Single Sterile Applicators are being placed on manual order review due to increased customer demand. The impacted products are:
  - 930700 Clear 10.5 mL Applicator
  - 930715 Hi-Lite Orange 10.5 mL Applicator
  - 930725 ScrubTeal 10.5 mL Applicator
  - 930800 Clear 26 mL Applicator
  - 930815 Hi-Lite Orange 26 mL Applicator
  - 930825 ScrubTeal 26 mL Applicator
- FDA Recall of the [Ultraview DM3 Monitor](#) and [Spacelabs DM4](#). The impacted products are:
  - 91330 Ultraview DM3 Monitor (all variations -M, -MT, -N, -NT)
  - 91331 Spacelabs DM4 (all variations -M, -N, -MF, -NF, -MW, -NW, -MFW, -NFW)
- Teleflex Horizon Ligating Clip – Med Large and Large. Products numbers are:
  - MPN# 3200
  - MPN# 4200

The Council members is asking whether anyone else is having an issue with the Teleflex Clips, and if so, what substitute product(s) they may be using. This would require loaner applicators as well if the clip sub does not fit the Teleflex applicator.

## **▲ Supply Chain Watch List – current situations under observation**

- A potential strike of the ILA East and Gulf Coast port workers. The contract between the International Longshoremen's Association and the United States Maritime Alliance, which covers all these ports, is set to expire on Sept. 30. Unfortunately, there has been no progress negotiating a new contract. The scope of a strike would impact all container ports from Maine to Texas.
- Escalating Houthi attacks in the Red Sea and the impact on trans-ocean freight, increased transit times, and the potential for increased fees to be passed along as a result of increased costs.

## **About the Supply Chain Resource Council (SCRC)**

The Supply Chain Resource Council (SCRC) is comprised of over 90 supply chain and health care leaders from across the health care field with the goal of understanding the extent and impact supply shortages and disruptions are having within the hospital and patient care settings, as well as capturing and documenting solutions to these challenges. Information collected during these calls is drafted into a report and shared with AHA, AHRMM and Professional Management Group (PMG) senior leaders, the White House Response Team, various Federal Agencies and the broader health care field. *The content of this report represents information, strategies and solutions from SCRC members but does not necessarily reflect policy positions of the AHA.*