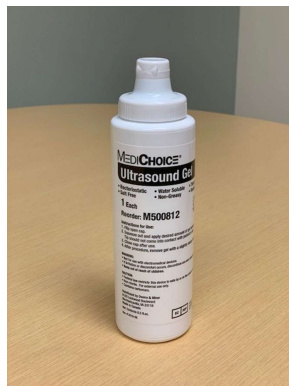


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Subject: Ultrasound Gel Update

Hospital Epidemiology/Infection Prevention & Control requests the following:

1. Please remove all multiuse bottles of **MEDICHOICE\*** ultrasound (US) gel (see picture below) from all bladder scanners, US machines and clean utility rooms.
  - Inpatient Units: Place used and unused bottles in a plastic bag and leave at the nurse's station. Supply Chain will pick up the bags of gel.
  - Outpatient Units: Discard used and unused bottles.



2. Use sterile single-use US gel packets **AND** sterile sheaths while performing all US guided percutaneous procedures including, but not limited to:
  - All vascular access including arterial, and US guided PIV insertion
  - Biopsy
  - Paracentesis
  - Thoracentesis

Supply Chain will stock single-use sterile US gel packets on units and procedure areas.  
\*The replacement for MediChoice US gel is Parker AquaSonic US Gel