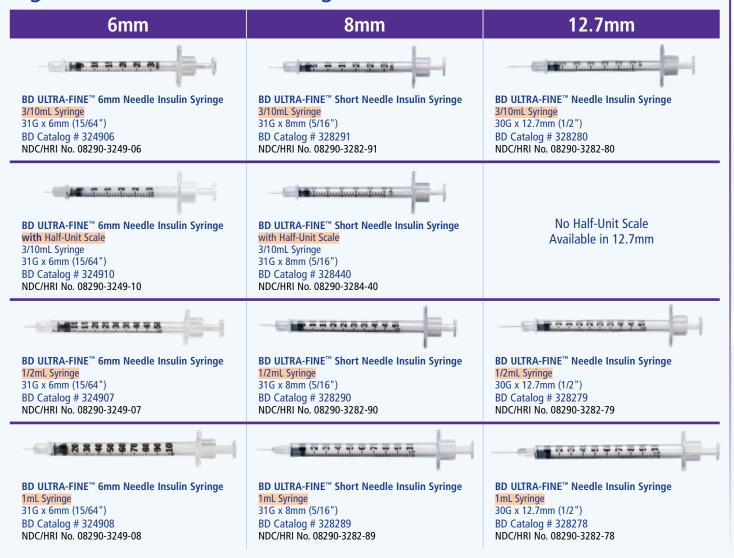
# BD Insulin Syringe Selection Guide



BD Syringes are designed so patients can see numbers and scale lines together to allow accurate dosing.



## Why Insulin Syringes and Pen Needles shouldn't be reused:

A reused needle is no longer sterile and increases the chance of an infection.

### Injection pain

Sterility

Insulin needles are finely ground and lubricated. Reuse leads to tip damage, dulled edges, and loss of lubricant. This requires more pressure to penetrate the skin, causing pain.

#### Dosage accuracy

Keeping a pen needle on an insulin pen may affect the accuracy of the dose. Air may enter the insulin cartridge or insulin may leak out, especially when it is moved between warm and cold places. The strength of insulin may be altered, which can lead to poor blood sugar control.

# **Injection Basics:**

- Choose an injection site (abdomen, thigh, back of arm, buttocks)
- Develop a site rotation scheme to help safeguard the skin and reduce trauma to the same site



 Never reuse a syringe or pen needle nor share needles with anyone else to avoid serious infection

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