

# Phthalates Policy

## Our position

Phthalates<sup>1</sup> are commonly used in medical devices as softeners in PVC plastics. There are concerns, however, that phthalates may in some cases pose adverse risks to human health and the environment, both individually and through cumulative exposure from their presence in multiple everyday use products. Coloplast recognizes these concerns and we therefore choose to proactively and continuously limit the use of phthalates in our products. We are especially cautious regarding the use of phthalates in products designed for people who are particularly sensitive to their effects; e.g. children and pregnant or breast-feeding women.

## Our commitment

Based on our position, Coloplast intends continue limiting the use of phthalates and is committed to:

- Avoid the use of phthalates in any new products.
- Prioritize to substitute phthalates when we modify existing products.
- Continuously reduce the number of items in our existing product portfolio containing phthalates.
- Set targets for reducing the amount of phthalates used in Coloplast products.
- Strive to offer phthalate-free alternatives to all product families containing phthalates.

Coloplast also proactively shares our knowledge regarding the use and reduction of phthalates in medical devices and we clearly inform our customers regarding the content of phthalates in our products. We also regularly report on our progress in limiting the use of phthalates.

Coloplast welcomes and supports an international ban against the use of phthalates in medical devices.

*The overall responsibility for this policy lies with Executive Vice President Allan Rasmussen, a member of Executive Management. The operational responsibility lies in Corp. Quality & Environment with the Director for Environment, Health & Safety Development.*

<sup>1</sup> Phthalates defined as esters of ortho-phthalic acid.