

## Coloplast PVC and PVdC Policy 1.0



Coloplast aims to develop environmentally optimized medical devices. A documented and considered environmental materials assessment is always a part of our product development process.


The plastics PVC (polyvinyl chloride) and PVdC (polyvinyl dichloride) are commonly used in medical devices. PVC and PVdC contain chlorine and additives such as softeners (like phthalates in PVC), stabilizers and fillers which pose a risk of harmful effects to human health and the environment.

- We recognize that PVC and PVdC pose an environmental concern, and we therefore prefer other types of plastic polymers
- We endeavor to use chlorine free polymers in our new products, and we use PVC or PVdC only when their technical properties are strictly necessary for the product performance
- When we modify existing products, replacement of PVC and PVdC with other substances in our components is of high priority

In Coloplast, we closely follow developments in polymer research and we remain constantly alert in search of new materials for our products that are technically and medically sound, cost effective, and environmentally responsible.

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.

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