

Pennine Healthcare



Providing improved port accessibility and stability



Implanted Venous Access Ports (VAPs) are widely used when intensive medical treatments require the administration of regular medications into the body. Regular medications such as coagulation factors, infusions and antibiotics are used in the treatment of cancer, cystic fibrosis, sickle cell disease, haemophilia and immunological disorders. The unique design of the Portacator® facilitates a more accurate location of VAPs and subsequent insertion of the Huber needle towards the centre of the port chamber. The Portacator® has also been designed for a safe, quick and easy release.

- 1.** Familiarise yourself with portacath orientation i.e. which direction the catheter enters the port.
- 2.** Open on to your sterile area, without handling the device directly.
- 3.** Always handle with sterile gloves.
- 4.** Prepare port site for sterile needle insertion, as current practice describes.
- 5.** Place the Portacator® over the portacath, with the slot aligned to the catheter line.
- 6.** With your thumb and index finger placed either side of the dome, push down until the port is clearly visible.
- 7.** Access the port aiming for the centre of the port.
- 8.** Once needle is in place, hold one side of the Portacator® still and rotate the other side through 90° or until removal of the device is possible without disturbing the needle.
- 9.** Discard Portacator®. Do not re-use.
- 10.** To view a video on how to access a portacath using a Portacator® please visit <https://youtu.be/pEPn5uj5eMc>

ORDERING INFORMATION

Product Number	Description	QTY
P9001CE	Portacator - IV Acces Pack	Box 10

