



**Treat Bartholin gland cysts
and abscesses simply.**



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The Word Catheter Silicone Bartholin Gland Balloon is used to treat abscesses and cysts of the Bartholin gland in an office-based procedure. Inserted into the area of the duct orifice and then inflated with saline, the balloon can remain in place until the surgically created tract heals, and it may help reduce the reoccurrence of cysts.

Order Number	Reference Part Number	Uninflated Catheter Fr	Balloon Volume mL
G55442	J-BGC-015055	15.0	3

**Note: 5 packages per box. Each package contains a silicone catheter balloon, a 3 mL syringe and a scalpel.*

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Resources

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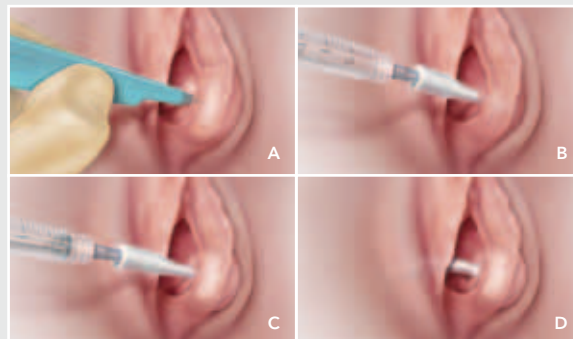
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Procedural Steps



1. Clean the area around the Bartholin gland with an appropriate antiseptic solution.
2. Using the enclosed scalpel, make an incision in the outer wall of the cyst—preferably inside the hymenal ring—to drain the abscess and break up any loculi. (A)
3. Once the abscess has drained, insert the deflated balloon through the incision and into the cyst. (B)
4. Using the enclosed syringe, carefully inflate the balloon with sterile saline until the balloon is sufficiently anchored in the cyst. (Do not exceed an inflation volume of 3 mL.) (C)
5. Remove the syringe, leaving the saline-inflated balloon in the cyst. Place the free end of the catheter inside the vagina. (D)
6. After the new orifice has completely healed, carefully deflate the balloon using the sterile syringe and remove the catheter.

Note: Healing time may vary with each patient. The Word Catheter is not intended to be left indwelling for more than 28 days.

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