

# Nidacon News

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## What is Corporate Social Responsibility? How can we do better?

"The role of CSR is not all about writing checks or putting together fun volunteering events; but integrating purpose into the core business and leveraging the organizations' core strengths to help societal needs."

The motto for Nidacon is that we shall contribute to a sustainable world by taking responsibility for human welfare and our impact on the environment and society.

Today we have products that can be transported in room temperature which is very beneficial when it comes to packaging material. In addition, since they all have at least 12 months shelf-life, larger orders are possible and by doing that reducing the number of transports.

We are constantly looking at improving the packaging material to make it as environmentally friendly as possible. The EPEL plastic used today at Nidacon is already a good environmental choice as this is a semi-Close cell structure that when burned becomes water vapor. This material is currently under development to become even more environmentally friendly. The aim is for the EPEL material to have a recycle degree of 70-80% and will then be black in colour.

Transports are needed but we compensate for the carbon emissions caused by these transports. This means that we support emission-reduction projects that help mitigate the climate impact for every tonne of carbon dioxide a parcel from Nidacon produces in transportation.

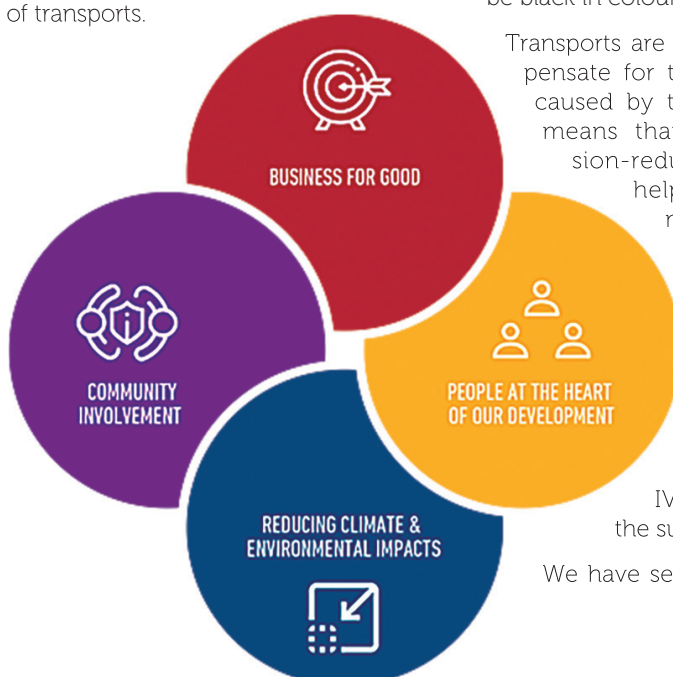
As mentioned in our last tips & tricks, we are looking for new ideas for us or for IVF clinics to increase the sustainability.

We have seen bottles being used



as vases, quite nice actually and several customers have commented on the fact that we do all transportation in room temperature.

*Every small step counts!*



# Customer influence and how the new regulation will be visible to you

We have always been required to perform post market surveillance on all our products but with the MDR these activities will increase.

This is of great importance regardless the requirements. We will work closely with several clinics to always follow the statistics with our products closely. Extensive literature studies are performed periodically and market evaluations where the

comments from the customers are the critical factor. The fact of the matter is that more than 50% of our new products or changes to existing products come from the customer comments.

We will continue sending customer surveys because they are very important both to drive our development but also to fulfil the requirements. We hope you always see them as a possibility to improve us and make sure your needs are met by us.

IFU

As most of you have probably noticed by now, we have updated all our instructions for use (IFU). This is only a first update, and they will be further updated according to the MDR regulations.

Some of the MDR updates which will appear in the next update:

- Clinical benefits
- Indications
- Contra-indications
- Patient target group or groups
- Intended users
- Undesirable side-effects
- Residual risks

Label:

The letters MD will be added and stands for Medical Device

Those products which include human serum albumin will clearly state that UDI carrier will be included (for more information on the UDI:s of our products request the Device Descriptions).

Those products including medicinal product will clearly state that.



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## SpermCryoProtec™ in a new bottle

We are now launching a new bottle for SpermCryoProtec. The new bottle is made of clear glass and has a screw cork which will make it easier to use.

We hope that you will like the change, the batch with the new bottle will be released around the time of ESHRE. The content has not changed, you will get the same good results, only making it easier. The new bottle will in fact keep the pH even more stable during the entire shelf-life period.

The reason for having a brown bottle was to protect sunlight effect on glycerol in combination with human serum albumin but the human serum albumin in



SpermCryoProtec was removed several years ago so this is no longer necessary. A clear bottle is also easier and safer to use.

We are always trying to improve packaging, making it more environmentally friendly but most of all, making it as practical and safe as possible.

*If you have any questions, comments regarding our packaging, please let us know. All ideas are welcome!*



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# New web page design - and functionality

We are in a process to redesign our web page.

The old design has served us well, but new times brings new challenges. The new design will retain the basic structure but will be easier to navigate and we will add new functionality in

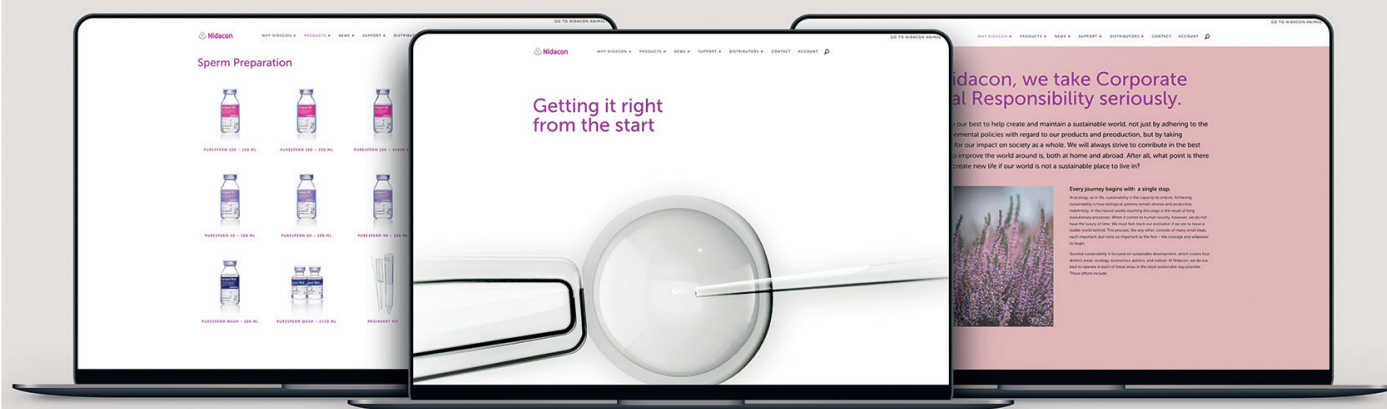
the form of an on-line web shop. More than one customer has asked for this possibility, and we think that a web shop will add value to many.

We plan to get the new web site going in time for the ESHRE meeting this summer. If you are curious or want

to discuss the changes, just come by our booth at the ESHRE venue in Milan 3-6 July 2022.



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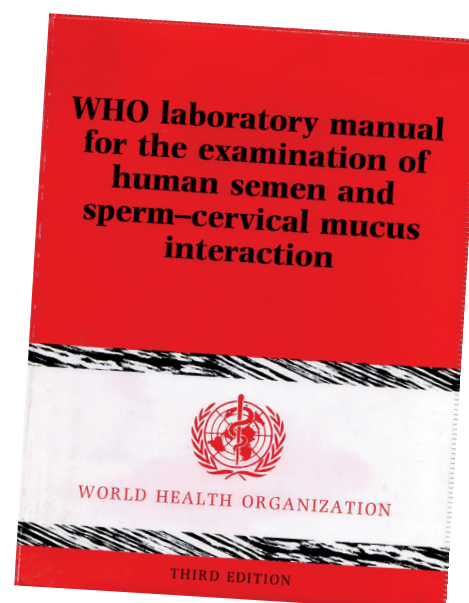
## Evolution of the WHO "Semen processing manual from the first (1980) to the sixth edition (2021)"

As stated clearly in all editions of the *WHO Laboratory Manual for the Examination and Processing of Human Semen*, the goal of the manual is to meet the growing needs for the standardization of semen analysis procedures.

With constant advances in andrology and reproductive medicine and the advent of sophisticated assisted reproductive technologies for the treatment of infertility, the manual has been continuously updated to meet the need for new, evidence-based, validated tests to not only measure semen and sperm

variables but also to provide a functional assessment of spermatozoa.

The sixth edition of the WHO manual, launched in 2021, can be freely downloaded from the WHO website, with the hope of gaining wide acceptance and utilization as the essential source of the latest, evidence-based information for laboratory procedures required for the assessment of male reproductive function and health.





## Coming up

- **SSRM Swedish Society for Reproductive Medicine**  
June 16-17, Annual meeting Gothenburg, Sweden



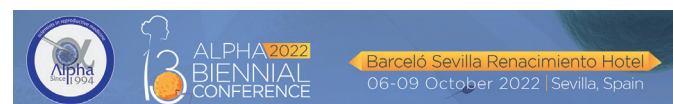
- **ESHRE 38th annual meeting**  
July 3-6 Milan, Italy



- **NFS, Nordic Fertility Society**  
August 18-20, Helsinki, Finland



- **ALPHA Biennial conference**  
October 6-9, Sevilla, Spain



- **ASRM scientific Congress Anaheim**  
October 22-26, California, USA



## Happy World Embryologist Day! 26th of July

The importance of the Embryologists work will never decrease no matter what. The meaningfulness of the outcome from a day's work could not be more apparent when you see the faces of people receiving information on whether they are pregnant or not after a treatment.

*You are important and this day we will celebrate you!*



## Ordering from Nidacon during 2022 summer

Nidacon will not close during the summer, we will have fewer staff on site but in order to help your clinic and business to be able to run as usual, we will take care of your orders and questions as fast as possible.



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