Safe Blood Glucose Monitoring: Single-Use Devices vs. Penlets

Single-use fingerstick devices should be used for patients who require assistance with blood glucose monitoring (BGM). Penlet devices may be used only by those who do not require BGM assistance.

Single-use fingerstick devices
- Use when performing BGM on someone else
- Auto-disabling feature prevents reuse of lancet
- Place used lancet in approved sharps container after use

Reusable devices (penlets)
- Used only by individuals who can perform their own BGM
- Can be used multiple times by SAME PERSON
- Label with owner’s name and store in a secure area
- NEVER share between patients