



## SIKO – Instruction for repair

### General information on using the SIKO

Practical instructions for blood sampling and injection exercises can be found in the form of instructional videos on our website [www.N-P-M.ch](http://www.N-P-M.ch) under the "Application" section.

For the exercises (blood sampling or injection), we recommend using the finest cannulas possible. The smaller the cannula, the smaller the injection hole and the area that will need to be repaired later (this increases the lifespan of the SIKO).

### Instructions for the repair of SIKO

It's most efficient to mark the punctures on the paper template immediately after use.

Procedure:

- Print this page together with the paper drawing of the silicone ear.
- Place the silicone ear on the paper template (see below), let water or artificial blood flow through the veins/arteries, and mark the exit points on the paper template.
- Clean the tubes thoroughly (flush thoroughly with lukewarm water). Clean the surfaces of the ear plugs thoroughly, degrease them (e.g., with soap or dishwashing liquid), rinse thoroughly, and allow to dry.
- Apply liquid silicone to the puncture sites (based on the markings on the paper template) (layer thickness approx. 0.5 mm) and allow to dry thoroughly. For the repair, you can purchase liquid silicone from a specialist retailer or use our repair silicone compound (20 ml for CHF 8.-).

Thank you for choosing SIKO and helping to make animal testing more animal-friendly!

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