

# A REVOLUTION IN YOUR HANDS

The world's first intermittent  
catheter with an L-shaped handle.



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LoFric® Elle™



# DISCOVER THE POWER OF ELLE

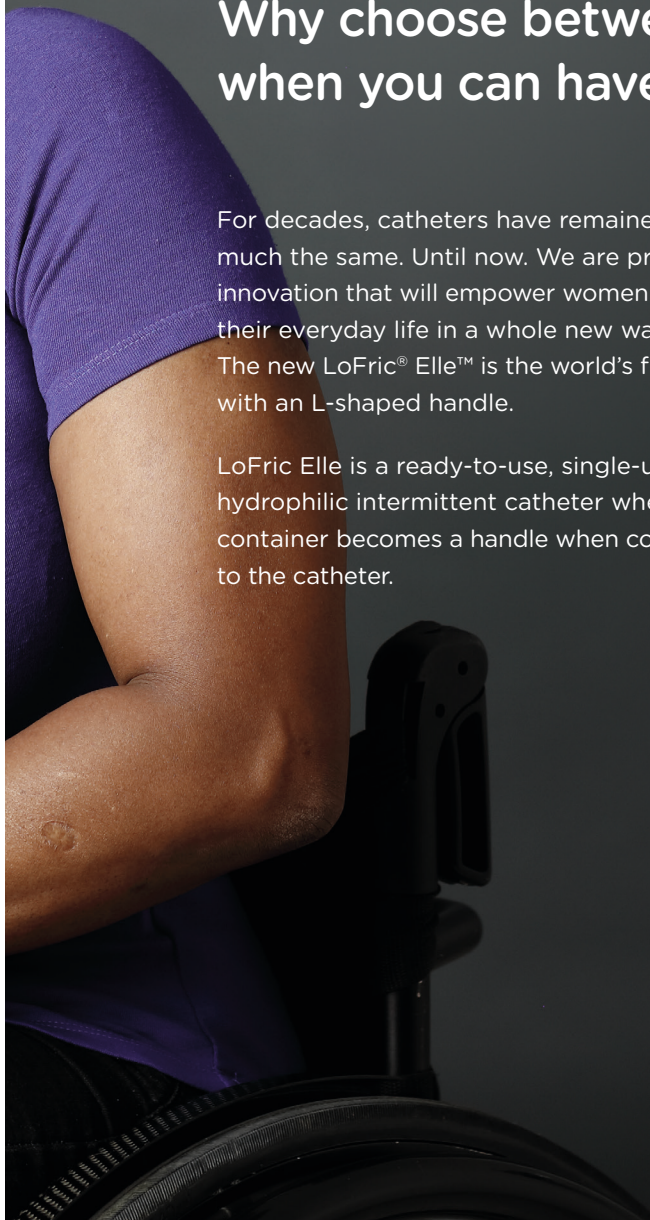
**Why choose between function and design  
when you can have both?**

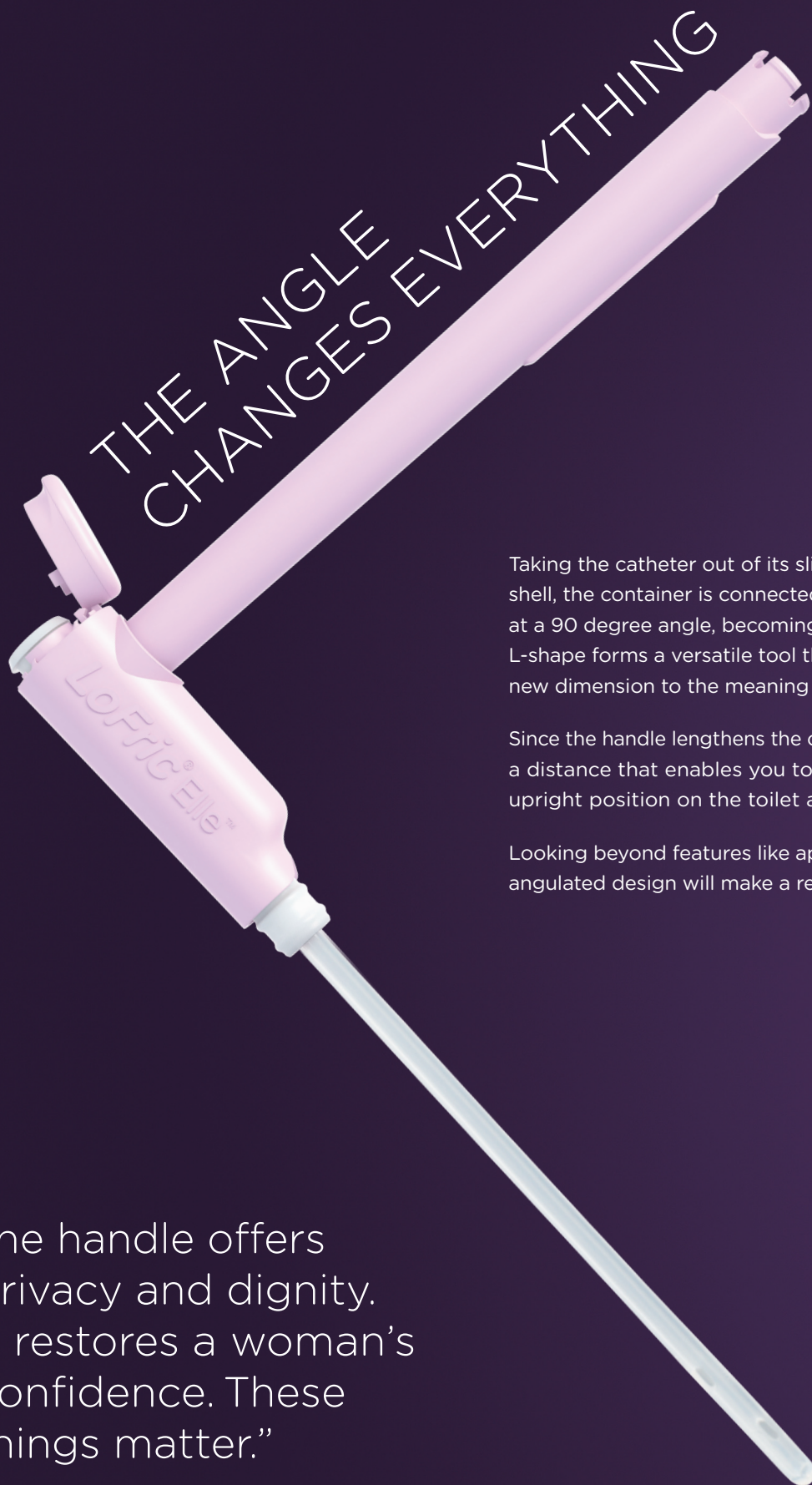
For decades, catheters have remained pretty much the same. Until now. We are proud of the innovation that will empower women to handle their everyday life in a whole new way. Literally. The new LoFric® Elle™ is the world's first catheter with an L-shaped handle.

LoFric Elle is a ready-to-use, single-use hydrophilic intermittent catheter where the container becomes a handle when connected to the catheter.

The handle is ergonomic and improves control, secures better hygiene and increases dignity for more women than ever before.

LoFric has a long history of improving both catheter function and design. But this time it's a real game-changer. This is nothing less than a revolution in the world of catheterization.





THE ANGLE  
CHANGES EVERYTHING

Taking the catheter out of its slim, hard plastic shell, the container is connected to the catheter at a 90 degree angle, becoming a handle. This L-shape forms a versatile tool that gives a whole new dimension to the meaning of control.

Since the handle lengthens the catheter, it provides a distance that enables you to sit in a more upright position on the toilet and aim easier.

Looking beyond features like appearance, this new angulated design will make a real difference.

“The handle offers privacy and dignity. It restores a woman’s confidence. These things matter.”

Jessica Burton  
Clinical lead/Contenance service, UK



## 90 DEGREES MORE HYGIENIC

The 90 degree angulated handle allows for a more hygienic way to catheterize. For those who perform catheterization sitting on a toilet, the hand holding the catheter is usually down in the bowl. LoFric® Elle™ offers a cleaner procedure during catheterization, with minimal risk of urine sprinkle on your hands.

## DISTANCE MEANS DIGNITY

Thanks to the L-shaped ergonomic handle, more women will be able to manage their own catheterization instead of getting help from a caregiver or partner. Being the one taking control, rather than having the situation control you, is liberating, restoring that feeling of dignity. And if assistance is still necessary, the handle ensures that there is distance between the user and a caregiver's hand during the catheterization.

## A discreet companion

The appearance of the catheter matters, and many women prefer a catheter that doesn't look like one. LoFric Elle has a non-medical design and fits discreetly in a pocket or handbag. It's easy to carry and dispose of.



# EASY TO TEACH AND LEARN

**LoFric® Elle™ offers a new way to self-catheterize. This makes it easy to both teach and learn how to perform intermittent catheterization.**

Getting started with intermittent catheterization can be challenging for women, since it can be difficult to have “a good view” and navigate their anatomy. LoFric Elle’s angulated handle offers new possibilities. It gives other opportunities to find the best body position on the toilet for each user, regardless of occasion or body type.

The handle can increase the reach and the extra length can provide a distance between the healthcare professional and user during training.

The ultimate goal is to ease the learning curve and enable as many women as possible to be able to self-catheterize, improving their independence and quality of life.



# BALANCING THE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE AND PLANET

At Wellspect we strive to make a real difference, now and for the future. We believe our activities should increase well-being and improve quality of life, but not at the expense of the planet. As a developer of single use-products we are aware of our great responsibility. When inventing new products like LoFric® Elle™, we focus on minimizing our environmental footprint in the process.



## A greener surface

We have improved the LoFric coating process in our production site in Sweden, where LoFric Elle is made. The new coating process uses 98% less water and emits a minimum amount of wastewater. It also requires less chemicals and uses a 100% bio-based and renewable solvent. The one thing that hasn't changed is the quality and safety performance of the surface, that has been clinically tested and validated.

## ELLE SPELLS VERSATILE

LoFric® Elle™ is a catheter with versatility built-in. The handle offers many options for gripping and positioning the catheter, but using the handle is always optional. LoFric Elle can easily be used as a regular catheter with a non-touch grip.



## A BETTER POINT OF VIEW

Together with LoFric's specially designed mirror you may have a clearer line of sight and control, an option that new users find helpful. All in all, LoFric Elle means freedom to choose the best solution for each user and each occasion.



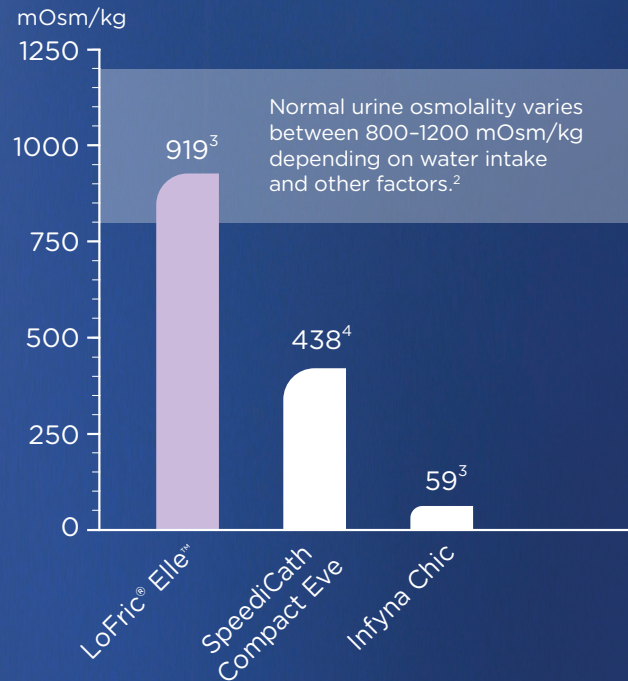


# A BALANCED SURFACE MATTERS

Not all catheters are the same. There can be significant differences in quality and performance between catheters, especially when it comes to the coating. The optimal catheter surface has a high osmolality preferably the same as urine. This will keep the catheter tube surface in balance with the body and ensure a smooth and safe insertion and withdrawal. LoFric® has the highest osmolality of any female catheter on the market today.

Note that the values shown represent the samples analyzed and that some variation in osmolality may occur within a validated process window.

## Relative osmolality of female hydrophilic catheters



# THE CHOICE YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST

LoFric Elle has the same Urotonic™ Surface Technology as all LoFric products. The smooth surface which guarantees the safe insertion and withdrawal, also makes it safe for long-term use. The tube is of appropriate length for emptying the bladder completely. Because even when innovating new functional design, we never compromise with the health of our users.



0%  
trauma after 5-9 years with LoFric.<sup>5</sup>



10-20  
times lower expected risk of strictures.<sup>6</sup>



64%  
lower expected risk of UTIs.<sup>7</sup>




48%  
lower expected risk of hematuria.<sup>8</sup>

# A NEW WAY OF HANDLING LIFE

**LoFric® Elle™ does not only make it possible for more women to self-catheterize, it also strengthens their confidence and provides independence.**

Women affected by bladder dysfunction often face gender-specific challenges. Besides the physical demands of catheterization, women also experience more complications, such as urinary tract infections (UTI). At Wellspect, we are passionate about developing solutions that can offer as close to a normal life as possible, and we believe in every woman's right to her own dignified privacy. So, by putting a handle on the LoFric Elle catheter, healthcare professionals now have a new and easy way of teaching more women how to self-catheterize. Together we can provide the independence they need to do the things they want to do.

The revolution is in your hands.

A portrait of Carin Bergfeldt, an occupational therapist from Sweden. She has shoulder-length, wavy, reddish-brown hair and is wearing a dark blue blazer over a black top. She is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera. Her hands are clasped in front of her. The background is a solid, deep purple color.

“Every patient is unique  
in one way or another.  
I think LoFric Elle meets  
the unique needs of every  
woman in a new way.”

Carin Bergfeldt  
Occupational Therapist, Sweden

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At Wellspect we develop innovative continence care solutions that improve quality of life for people with bladder and bowel problems. We inspire our users to build self-confidence and independence as well as good health and well-being. We have been leading the industry for over 40 years with our product brands LoFric® and Navina™. We always aim to minimize the environmental impact of our products and passionately strive to become climate neutral. We work together with users and healthcare professionals to improve clinical outcome in a sustainable way, now and for the future.

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