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## OVERVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF B. BRAUN

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- 1839 Julius Wilhelm Braun acquires the Rose Pharmacy in Melsungen.
- 1908 A sterile, absorbable suture material (catgut) made from sheep intestines is produced for the first time.
- 1925 B. Braun establishes its first foreign production in Milan, Italy.
- 1930 Development of Sterofundin®, that forms the basis of all subsequent balanced electro-lyte solutions at B. Braun.
- 1951 Perfusor®: the first mechanical syringe pump for continuous infusion.
- 1956 B. Braun commences the manufacture of infusion solution containers made from plastic.
- 1962 The Braunüle®, the first one-piece plastic cannula for continuous infusion, is approved for sale.
- 1966 Creation of the B. Braun Foundation to support the training and professional development of healthcare professionals.
- 1967 B. Braun begins business operations in Brazil with the acquisition of Laboratório Americano S. A..
- 1971 B. Braun is transformed into a stock corporation.
- 1972 Start of business operations in Asia: First production facility in Penang, Malaysia.
- 1976 B. Braun acquires a majority interest in Aesculap AG.
- 1977 Ludwig Georg Braun becomes Chairman of the Board.
- 1979 Foundation of B. Braun of America, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA.
- 1992 Opening of the new PfiEFFewiesen facility (Architects: James Stirling, Michael Wilford).
- 1995 Opening of the first Aesculap Academy in Tuttlingen.
- 1997 The acquisition of MacGaw in the USA is the largest in the company's history.

[Ecoflac® plus, semi-rigid container for infusion solutions.](#)

- 1998 Aesculap AG & Co KG is incorporated into the B. Braun Group as the Aesculap Division.
- Introcan® Safety, a new intravenous catheter with a safety clip, is introduced.**
- 1998 **OrthoPilot®, a computer-aided navigation system for surgical interventions in knee and hip arthroplasty.**
- 2001 Opening of the Europa Building at the PfiEFFewiesen site in Melsungen.
- The Benchmark Factory in Tuttlingen, a production facility for implants, enters operation.
- 2003 **The Dialog+ hemodialysis machine revolutionizes dialysis technology.**
- 2004 **Introduction of B. Braun Space**
- 2005 Europe's most modern production facility for IV solutions (LIFE) is opened in Melsungen.
- 2009 **Premiere of SeQuent® Please, a revolutionary new drug-eluting balloon catheter.**
- 2010 Start-up of operations of the Central Laboratory and the new production plant for dialyzers and infusion pumps in Melsungen.
- 2011 Prof. Dr. h.c. Ludwig Georg Braun retires and Dr. Heinz-Walter Große becomes Chairman of the Management Board.
- 2011 **Introduction of Space Glucose Control**
- 2012 B. Braun enters the genetic diagnostics market by acquiring a holding in Tübingen-based CeGat GmbH.
- B. Braun acquires Nutrichem, a manufacturer for enteral nutrition.
- 2012 **Einstein Vision® robot assisted 3D camera system for endoscopic surgery**
- 2013 B. Braun opens a seminar and convention center on the grounds of the Convent Haydau near Melsungen.
- 2015 **OMNI: New acute dialysis machine OMNI**
- 2017 Formation of the joint venture B. Braun Miethke GmbH & Co. KG for innovative implants for targeted drug delivery.
- 2017 B. Braun and Philips join forces to innovate in ultrasound-guided regional anesthesia and vascular access
- 2018 Opening of Europe's most modern production site for dialyzers in Wilsdruff, Saxony
- 2019 Anna Maria Braun, member of the 6th generation of the Braun family, takes over the chairmanship of the executive board from Prof. Dr. Heinz-Walter Große, who has headed the company since 2011.
- 2020 B. Braun develops a new strategic framework up to 2030. This will enable the company to harness the potential of digitalization and new key technologies for itself and its customers.
- 2021 **Introduction of Space Plus.**

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