

Press information

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
- 2016 New hemodialysis machine Dialog iQ
- 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.
- 2019 Aesculap Aeos: Digital, robotic-assisted surgical microscope
- 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.
- 2023 B. Braun is expanding its service portfolio for complex OR management with IT4process, based in Herzogenrath.

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