

Statement by C. R. Bard, Inc. on Vena Cava Filters
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“Vena cava filters are life-saving devices, implanted by physicians only after careful consideration of the risks and benefits of the device in light of each patient’s condition. These filters have protected the lives of thousands of patients who otherwise would have had limited treatment options or may have suffered either severe complications or death.

All of Bard’s vena cava filters, when used as instructed, demonstrate significant benefits to patients and have a safety profile consistent with the [medical guidelines](#) published by the [American College of Radiology \(ACR\) and Society of Interventional Radiologists \(SIR\)](#).”

Background on Bard’s Vena Cava Filters

- Vena cava filters have been used by the medical community in the United States since the 1960s. Bard first obtained FDA clearance to manufacture these life-saving devices in 2002.
- All of Bard’s vena cava filter devices have been appropriately cleared by FDA based on required and accurate documentation.
- Experts from leading medical institutions are strongly supportive of the use of these devices in appropriate cases, and reputable peer-reviewed studies demonstrate their effectiveness.
 - James F. Benenati, MD, [states](#), “IVC filters are very important tools for physicians treating patients with deep venous thrombosis and PE. There is very good evidence that these filters are effective in certain patient populations.”¹

¹ Benenati J. The Placement and Retrieval of IVC Filters. *Endovascular Today*. February 2011.