

1. Reprocessing of Single-Use Medical Devices

Policy

Canterbury DHB permits limited reprocessing of medical devices labelled by their manufacturer as for single use only.

Only those items listed in this document may be reused.

With the exception of the solid EP Catheters, alternative products are to be actively sought in order to cease the practice of reuse.

Definitions

Reprocessing

The cleaning, repackaging and sterilisation (or disinfection) of a medical device that was used on a patient or in contact with blood or body fluids.

Medical Device

Any material, instrument, machine, appliance, implant or component of these used in the delivery of patient care.

Guidance Notes

Items that are labelled as single use may be reused on the same patient providing they do not require reprocessing or present an infection risk to the patient.

Items that are labelled as single use that are not in direct contact with the patient due to a device/barrier such as a filter may be reused. The device/barrier must be discarded at predetermined intervals in accordance with Department and Hospital Guidelines.

Reuse of Approved Items

Reprocessing is conducted by the Sterile Services Department. This occurs according to a decontamination/sterilisation quality control protocol that has been approved by the Clinical Board or delegated person or body.

Associated Documents

Sterile Services Department Procedure Manual
- Decontamination/Sterilisation Quality Control Protocol for EP Catheters

Cardiac Day Unit Policy and Procedures

Christchurch Hospital Operating Theatre Policy and Procedures

Review

This policy is subject to annual review.

Approved Items (updated November 2007)

Item	Location
Solid EP Catheters	Cardiac Day Unit, Christchurch Hospital
Guide Wires and Insertion Rods with blunt tips only – De Puy 3.2mm Short plain – De Puy 3.2mm Long plain – Richards 3.2mm Long ball Tip – Richards 2.0mm Short ball Tip – Synthes 2.5mm Ball tip	Operating Theatres, Christchurch Hospital
Flowtran DVT prophylaxis system (compression stockings)	Operating Theatres, Christchurch Hospital
Tourniquet cuff (Zimmer) and OT Eshmarch bandage/tourniquet	Operating Theatres, Christchurch Hospital
Myringotomy blades	Operating Theatres, Christchurch Hospital
Intracardiac Ultrasound Catheter (Acu Nav™ Ultrasonic Catheter) 4 reuses only (5 uses in total)	Cardiology, Christchurch Hospital

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