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## [Physician Office Medical Device Reprocessing Assessments](#) [1]

Physician Office Medical Device Reprocessing Assessments (POMDRA) is a College initiative to support, educate and assess community-based physicians on the reprocessing of their reusable semi-critical and/or critical medical devices. This quality assurance activity applies to physicians who practise in a community-based office setting whether in a solo office or multi-physician clinic, as well as long-term and short-term locums. In a multi-physician clinic, the medical director will be responsible for participation in an assessment. POMDRA does not apply to clinical offices or outpatient clinics affiliated with a health authority or hospital; these bodies have their own process for evaluation.

This program is based on the requirements of the Ministry of Health [Best Practices for Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization for Critical and Semi-Critical Medical Devices \(2011\)](#) [2].

## What are critical and semi-critical medical devices?

**Critical medical devices**

**Semi-critical medical devices**

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## Questions?

For more information about Physician Office Medical Device Reprocessing Assessments, [contact the College](#) [3].

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