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?

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

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