

**Safety Communication**

**رسالة سلامة**

**Issues to be Encountered to Avoid the Transmission of COVID-19 through reusable and single-use medical devices**

<b>Device/ Product Description:</b>	Reusable and single-use medical devices
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	All
<b>Problem:</b>	The risk associated with reusable and single-use medical devices in COVID-19 transmission.
<b>Recommendation /Actions:</b>	<p><b>Recommendations to minimize COVID-19 transmission via reusable medical devices:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain a clear policy and procedures for reprocessing reusable medical devices, highlighting the importance to follow the manufacturer recommendations when reprocessing these devices, with respect to the suitability process, conditions, and frequencies, considering the device expected lifespan,</li> <li>- Supply central sterile services departments (CSSD) with resources and time that enable a proper reprocessing of reusable medical devices,</li> <li>- Investigate reusable medical devices, before reprocessing, against any damages, to prevent the potential growth of pathogens in cracks that cannot be reached with sterilization methods,</li> <li>- Provide healthcare personnel with refresher training to reinforce the site procedures and manufacturers guidelines to minimize COVID-19 transmission.</li> </ul>

**Recommendations to minimize COVID-19 transmission via single-use devices:**

- Maintain a clear policy and procedures for single-use medical devices, highlighting the importance of preventing reusing single use devices, under all conditions,
- Provide healthcare personnel with a clear distinction between single use medical device and single patient use medical devices, where the latter is to be reprocessed in accordance to the manufacturer recommendations,
- Provide healthcare personnel with refresher training on using protective personal equipment (PPE) appropriately; which involves selecting the proper PPE and being trained in how to put on, remove and dispose of it,
- Assess better optimization of PPE, as revealed by the WHO published guideline, entitled: “Rational use of personal protective equipment for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)”, which define the rational and appropriate use of PPE in healthcare settings, beside the effective management of supply chains.

If you think you had a problem with your device or a device your patient uses, please do not hesitate to report the problem to SFDA through:

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