# Infection Prevention and Control Lapse Report

## CareMedics McArthur

### Initial Report

| Premise/facility under investigation | CareMedics McArthur  
311 McArthur Ave.  
Unit #103  
Ottawa, On  
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| Summary Description of the IPAC Lapse | Reprocessing of reusable medical equipment:  
- Autoclave: no documentation for monitoring of time, temperature and pressure of autoclave, no record of servicing of autoclave, no biological indicator (BI) supplies available at clinic |
Policies and procedures

- No IPAC policies and procedures

**IPAC Lapse Investigation**

**Did the IPAC lapse involve a member of a regulatory college?**
Yes

**If yes, was the issue referred to the regulatory college?**
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

**Were any corrective measures recommended and/or implemented?**
Yes

**Please provide further details/steps**

Reprocessing of reusable medical equipment

- Replace the autoclave with a model that permits monitoring of the physical parameters of time, pressure and temperature; document physical parameters as per best practices
- Perform the steps to qualify autoclave prior to use and provide proof to OPH that the standard has been met
- Reprocess all reusable medical equipment using the qualified autoclave prior to use
- All reprocessed reusable medical equipment must be packaged for sterilization and stored according to current best practice
- Test the autoclave with a biological indicator (BI) each day the autoclave is used, for each type of autoclave cycle
- Service the autoclave regularly according to manufacturer's instruction

**Policies and Procedures**

- Complete written IPAC policies and procedures based on the most current best practices

**Education**

- Undertake education (including orientation and continuing education) to enable staff to implement infection prevention and control (IPAC) best practices consistently (e.g., Public Health Ontario's IPAC Core Competencies, Reprocessing in Community Health Care Settings) and provide a proof of completion.

**Date any order(s) or directive(s) were issued to the owners/operators (if applicable)**

- Verbal and written directive to cease all medical procedures requiring reusable equipment was provided to, and acknowledged by the clinic owner and staff on July 25, 2018.
Initial Report Comments and Contact Information

Any Additional Comments
N/A

If you have any further questions, please contact:

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For general updates regarding this investigation, continue to monitor this report.

The results of routine inspections are posted on the Ottawa Public Health Disclosure website.

Final Report

Date of Final Report posting:

Date of Final Report Update(s)
2018-10-18

Date all corrective measures were confirmed to have been completed
2018-10-18

Brief description of corrective measures taken

Reprocessing of reusable medical equipment

- New autoclave met qualification standards on August 3, 2018
- Sterilization log has been developed
- Medical procedures requiring reusable equipment may resume as of August 3, 2018

Policies and Procedures

- Policies and procedures regarding reprocessing, personal protective equipment (PPE) and hand hygiene have been developed as of August 1, 2018

Education

- Staff education has been completed to satisfy Ottawa Public Health’s recommendations.
Final Report Comments and Contact Information

Any Additional Comments

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