

CPG Sec. 310.100 Pacemaker Reuse

BACKGROUND:

The *Center for Devices and Radiological Health* has learned of the possible re-use of cardiac pacers. *Center* medical experts have studied this situation and have determined that there is a serious question whether pacemakers can be properly re-sterilized following initial implantation due to the possibility of body fluids entering the terminal leads of the pacemaker. This also poses the problem of foreign protein matter to the second recipient.

POLICY:

Pacemaker re-use is an objectionable practice. Anyone learning of the re-use of pacemakers should obtain and submit complete information to *HFZ-300* for review and evaluation.

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