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Stryker understands that safety always comes first in using medical devices and has a long-standing history of providing high-quality reprocessed non-invasive devices to healthcare providers.

Over the years, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has increased regulation surrounding reprocessed devices. After extensive analysis, both the FDA and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) have concluded reprocessed single-use devices that meet the FDA’s regulatory requirements are safe and substantially equivalent to counterpart devices produced by original manufacturers. Since Stryker’s reprocessing programs help organizations reduce costs and environmental impact, these programs represent an advancement in responsible health care.

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PERFORMANCE TESTING

Measurements for reprocessed devices are compared to original manufacturer devices. Stryker evaluates the reliability of all devices under actual and simulated use conditions.

Data has conclusively demonstrated that no significant difference can be ascertained between Stryker devices and original devices.

Following validated protocols, every device is subjected to a unique reprocessing method. Process controls are in place to ensure that every device is reprocessed according to strict protocols. Quality control personnel are always on site to verify records, and every reprocessed device is inspected multiple times throughout the production cycle.

At any stage of reprocessing, staff members are authorized to remove any nonconforming devices or device components. If appropriate to the device, the process concludes with function tests. Devices are then packaged in original manufacturer case quantities and sterilized if applicable. All devices are sterilized with ethylene oxide gas to a sterility assurance level (SAL) of 10⁻⁶, per ANSI/AAMI/ISO 11135, and quarantined until biological indicators pass evaluation by Quality Assurance teams. Ethylene oxide residuals never exceed maximum allowable limits of ANSI/AAMI/ISO 10993-7.

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Stryker also offers On-Demand ordering, allowing for a simplified method for integrating product into customers’ supply chains. On-Demand provides Stryker the ability to electronically process orders via GHX Healthcare Exchange for customers that utilize electronic data interchange (EDI) transactions. This innovation will allow purchasing staff to eliminate paper invoices and fully utilize their materials management information system as intended for replenishing inventory.

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Visual inspection of DVT compression sleeve

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Stryker offers a variety of collection containers tailored to collection sites and customer volumes. Stryker collection containers and associated materials are approved by infection control professionals to be placed in a variety of areas such as patient rooms, soiled utility areas and central sterile processing departments. Stryker offers a variety of pulse oximeter sensor containers, including four-gallon and two-gallon, which may be mounted on walls or placed on counter tops.
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