



## Hamilton Public Health Services

### Hamilton Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Lapse Report

<b>Final IPAC Investigation Report</b>				
<b>Premise/Facility under Investigation (name &amp; address)</b> Waterdown Walk-in Clinic at Walmart 90 Dundas St. East, Waterdown				
<b>Type of Premise/Facility</b> Medical walk-in clinic				
<b>Date of Final Report Posting</b> April 16, 2018		<b>Date of Final Report update(s) if applicable</b> Not applicable		
<b>Brief Description of Corrective Measures Taken</b> Hamilton Public Health Services (PHS) has verified, based on the information collected during re-inspection of the site on April 13, 2018 that all corrective measures recommended by PHS have been implemented.				
<b>Date all corrective measures were confirmed to have been completed</b> April 13, 2018		<b>Date and list of any order(s) or directive(s) that were issued to the owner/operator (if applicable)</b> Not applicable		
<b>Additional Comments:</b> <b>This clinic is no longer reprocessing medical instruments/devices. PHS has confirmed there is no reprocessing equipment available at this site. Medical instruments are single-use.</b>				
<b>If you have any further questions, please contact:</b> Infectious Diseases Program, Hamilton Public Health Services 905-546-2063 or <a href="mailto:infectious.disease@hamilton.ca">infectious.disease@hamilton.ca</a>				
<b>Date of Initial Report Posting</b> March 9, 2018		<b>Date of Initial Report update(s) if applicable</b> Not applicable		
<b>How Board of Health became aware of potential IPAC lapse?</b> Referral received Feb 20, 2018 from Niagara Region Public Health.				
<b>Summary Description of IPAC Lapse</b> During an inspection conducted by Hamilton Public Health Services on February 20, 2018, the following lapses were identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improper practices related to reprocessing of medical equipment/devices.</li> </ul>				
<b>IPAC Lapse Investigation</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Details</b>

Did the IPAC lapse involve a member of a regulatory college?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO)
If yes, was the issue referred to the regulatory college?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified by Niagara Region Public Health (multi-jurisdictional premises)

**Corrective measures recommended and/or implemented**

The following corrective measures were recommended by PHS based on current evidence and best practices documents:

- Policies and procedures regarding IPAC, reprocessing and occupational health and safety should reflect current best practices and manufacturer’s instructions; review and update regularly.
- Ensure all reusable medical equipment/devices are reprocessed as per manufacturer’s instructions and current PIDAC best practices.
- Ensure appropriate chemical indicators are used for each package.
- Follow manufacturer’s instructions for sterilizer.
- Ensure sterilizer is tested with a biological indicator (BI) each day it is used. Follow manufacturer’s instructions for BI and incubator.
- Keep a log to document all sterilization parameters (physical, chemical & biological) have been met.
- Reprocessing area must meet best practices for work flow, hand hygiene and storage.
- Disinfectant wipes with a 1-3 minute contact time must be available in reprocessing area.
- Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is required in reprocessing area.
- All clean/sterile supplies/devices to be stored as per best practices.
- Do not reprocess pre-packaged, sterile instruments.
- Remove all processes/activities within the reprocessing area not related to reprocessing reusable medical equipment/devices.
- Relevant Occupational Health and Safety legislation must be followed [e.g. available eye-wash station, signage, PPE, and material safety data sheets (MSDS) etc.].
- Premise is not to do any reprocessing until above noted items are corrected and approval is received from Hamilton Public Health Services.

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Not applicable as facility stopped reprocessing medical equipment for approximately 7 days prior to the IPAC investigation.

**Additional Comments:**

An inspection report was given to the premise/facility noting corrective

measures. Information and education was provided.

On February 23, 2018 this location notified Hamilton Public Health Services they would no longer be reprocessing medical equipment/devices.

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