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Dear Steve

The Spiro True Flow sensor was brought down to DSD for processing. We asked for the manufacturers cleaning instructions and were told that the only information they could provide was the GBP Price list which instructed that the product was disinfectable and sterilizeable. We were informed by PICU staff that the product was a sample and we could trial it through our processes. The washer disinfectors are Getinge A8668 instrument was-disinfectors, which reach a maximum disinfection cycle of approximately 92 degrees c for 1 min and 10 seconds. The chemical cleaning product used in the washer-disinfectors is Serchem Maximum pH Plus code 2078.

We processed the flow sensor through a 121 degree c and a 134 degree c cycle in agreement with PICU staff.

I hope that this helps with your investigation, I have copied Sobia from PICU into the e-mail response.

Thanks

Nicole

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**Subject:** Damaged Viamed flow sensor samples

Dear Nicole,

I am contacting you in regards to a sample autoclavable flowsensors that Viamed offered to PICU at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital for evaluation.

We are in the process of investigating the reasons behind why one of the flowsensors, which has been tested to in excess of 100 3-minute cycles at 134C, exhibited signs of failing to withstand a single autoclaving cycle without damage.

Margaret Crerar forwarded on the information that you provided concerning the temperature settings, thank you for that. Can I ask you if the flowsensor was also processed through the washer disinfecter beforehand or just the autoclave? If so, does the washer disinfecter use chemicals and/or pressurized water jets?

I have asked Margaret to return the samples so that we can inspect the resulting damage and investigate further, but any help or further information that you can offer would be most useful to our investigation.

Thanks in advance.

Regards,

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