

July 16, 2012

TO: REGULATORY BODIES REGISTRARS (list of members attached)

Re: Stop Order for Reprocessing Intramuscular Stimulation (IMS) Plungers

As you are aware, the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) of Alberta issued an order to stop use on reusable IMS plungers in April 2008 (a copy of which is attached for your reference). The order to stop was issued as the CMOH determined the instructions provided by the manufacturers for some IMS plungers were not sufficiently detailed to enable users to determine the required process to correctly reprocess these medical devices for safe re-use.

This letter is to confirm that sufficiently detailed, validated cleaning and reprocessing instructions have been provided with respect to the following:

Name of IMS Plunger:	MR-6 Needle Injector
Name of Manufacturer:	Electro-Therapeutics Devices Ltd.

The order to stop use is lifted with respect to the above IMS plunger only and is effective as of the date of this letter.

The order to stop of April 2008 remains in effect with respect to all other reusable IMS plungers until such time as Alberta Health confirms to you that it has received validated cleaning and reprocessing instructions from these manufacturers.

Thank you for your co-operation and support in this matter.

Sincerely,



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