

DID YOU KNOW?

Medical Device Reprocessing Facts

Medical device reprocessing occurs across all areas of the WRHA healthcare system. From homecare to long term to acute care, chances are frontline staff are involved in some type of reprocessing. Below are some critical points related to reusable medical devices.

All reusable medical devices used in the WRHA are cleaned and disinfected or sterilized in WRHA facilities. **No external providers are used.** WRHA MDR packs sterilized in-house will have the following:

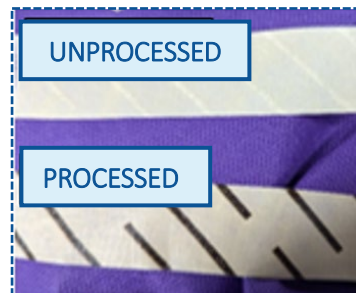
External Indicator Tape is placed on every item that is wrapped before sterilization. The tape changes colour to visibly confirm whether or not an item has been exposed to the sterilization process.

Internal Chemical Integrator is a specific type of indicator that shows the user the reprocessed item has been sterilized correctly. In the WRHA an integrator is placed into **every single sterilized package** of reusable equipment.

Your role:

The end user must check both the outer tape and the internal indicator before the use of the sterilized item to ensure the sterilization process has occurred. It may look like one of the examples below. **If your package is missing any integrator, do not use the item, and be sure to let the MDR department know right away!**

Example of External Indicator Tape



Examples of Internal Chemical Integrator



All sterilized medical devices can be traced back to the sterilizer and cycle in which they were sterilized