

Addendum to Presentation

Slide 38 - 2nd bullet point: “TJC requires HLD of the transducer if contact is made with the puncture site”

Viewers of this presentation should note that all statements made in the presentation were correct at the time of presentation. It has since been brought to the presenter’s attention that the periodical titled “The Joint Commission Guide to Reprocessing Reusable Medical Devices”, published in June 2023 by The Joint Commission, hereinafter the “Guide” , which was accurately quoted in this presentation at slide 38, has now subsequently been updated by The Joint Commission.

Viewers of this presentation should note that the authors of the Guide have amended the Guide on page 45 on as follows:

“The surface ultrasound transducer remains a non-critical device even if it becomes contaminated with blood, as long as it is used on intact skin. Coming in close contact with an incision or puncture site, however, does **not** change the transducer’s Spaulding classification.”

This change to the Guide does not alter the overall message of the presentation, that ultrasound surface transducers require different levels of disinfection dependent on the tissue that the medical device contacts. The presenter notes that the Guide goes on to state [p.39] that:

“The surface ultrasound transducer used for these procedures is a non-critical device unless it is used over non-intact skin, comes in contact with a mucous membrane, or enters normally sterile tissues...”