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"Primary research objective is to obtain information on the current situation in Canada on the reprocessing and re-use of SUDs. The research question is: What are current practices in Canadian institutions for reprocessing of SUDs? A separate Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) report, published concurrently, addresses the evidence on the safety, effectiveness, and cost-effectiveness of reprocessed SUDs." (executive summary)

Authors' conclusions
Survey responses suggest that most hospitals (72%) do not reprocess SUDs. The reasons given for not reprocessing include concerns about patients' safety, legal liability, and absence of regulation. Of the 28% of responding hospitals that reprocess SUDs, most (85%) do so in-house. Among hospitals that reprocess SUDs, 40% do not have a written policy, and 12% do not have an incident-reporting mechanism, suggesting a need for improved standards of documentation in this area.

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