Reuse of single-use devices: electrophysiology catheters

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To summarise the issues relating to the reuse of electrophysiology catheters in Alberta hospitals.

Authors' conclusions
The author concludes that safe reuse is directly correlated with how effective the QA/QC program is at the hospital or clinic. The monitoring of EP catheter through a quality program is a complex issue. Arguments that address whether it is economically feasible to reuse single-use catheters are valid once all the steps in the process of cleaning, sterilizing, monitoring each device through 'x' number of uses, QA/QC, regulatory audits and staff training are taken into account. More studies are required as appropriate scientific evidence is needed to either support or reject a reuse policy.

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