



12th November 2008

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HAAG STREIT – Tonometer Prisms

Background

Device Technologies Australia Pty Ltd distributed a Medical Device Recall and Safety Alert on 10th September 2008 related to the HAAG STREIT reusable Tonometer Prisms used with a tonometer and slit lamp for the examination and diagnosis of diseases of the human eye. The product may have cracks or scratches which could take up disinfectant solution used during the cleaning process. The tonometer prism is in contact with the surface of a patient's cornea during the measurement of intra-ocular pressure and the disinfectant may disperse into the patient's eye, leading to irritation of the cornea and reversible corneal erosions. Use of unapproved disinfectants on the tonometer prism is a known cause of cracks.

The alert is related to the following product codes:

- **HS-1000855 Tonometer Doubling Prism**

Also supplied with product codes:

- **HS-7200032 Tonometer Applanation T900**
- **HS-7200033 Tonometer Applanation R900**
- **HS-7200034 Tonometer Applanation BQ 900.4.4**
- **HS-7200035 Tonometer Applanation 870**
- **HS-7200154 Tonometer Applanation AT900**

Action required by SA Health Services

Health Facilities are required to:

1. Report to the Department of Health if HAAG STREIT – Tonometer Prisms are used in your health service.
2. Report to the Department of Health if any cracks or scratches have been located in the HAAG STREIT – Tonometer Prism
3. Remove and quarantine any cracked or scratched devices from use in the health service until further notice
4. Ensure that the correct disinfectant procedure is followed before the use of each tonometer prism.



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Notification of Compliance

Chief Executives are to advise if HAAG STREIT – Tonometer Prisms are used in their health service and if any scratches or cracks are located in the product to the Department of Health SABS@health.sa.gov.au no later than 12.00 midday on Tuesday 18th November 2008.

Attachment

- Device Technologies Medical Device Recall and Safety Alert
- Instruction 'Tonometer Prisms Field Check'
- How to disinfect the tonometer

