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Re: Storage Conditions for Haemonetics Consumable Medical Products

Dear Haemonetics Customer,

At Haemonetics, we are committed to providing you with the knowledge you need to use our products with confidence. In that regard, we are providing the following guidance on storage conditions for our consumable medical products.

Haemonetics consumable medical products are composed of materials that are stable over a broad range of temperature and humidity. Unless otherwise specified on the product label, we recommend the following:

- Avoid extreme storage temperatures
- Store in a dry place
- Store away from solvent vapors

All consumable medical products should be inspected before use. In the unlikely event that a product has been stored under extreme conditions, you may observe:

- Tubing or storage bags that are tacky/sticky to the touch
- Discolored tubing or bags
- Smearred ink on labels or tubing
- Bag labels that are wrinkled or peeling
- Tubing that has become separated from a bonded joint
- Tubing or storage bags that have adhered to the tub

If any of these conditions are observed the product should not be used. During winter months, medical products containing solutions may freeze during transport. Internal studies have shown that freezing has no effect on the quality of the solutions; however, the plastic bag or outerwrap may become brittle and crack in cold conditions. If you suspect that the solution may have frozen during transport, warm to room temperature and inspect the product carefully. If there is evidence of cracking or leaking, the product should not be used.

Internal studies have indicated that brief exposure to extremes in temperature do not typically present a threat to the integrity of our consumable medical products due to the materials of construction. For long term storage, dry, ambient conditions are recommended when specific storage indications are not listed on the labeling.

If you have further questions, please contact your local sales representative.

Sincerely,

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