

Medical devices policy

This policy is for all medical practitioners, medical suppliers and hospital teams.

It describes the processes for introducing or using new medical devices or equipment into Southern Cross Healthcare (SCH) facilities

SCH is committed to providing up-to-date and newly developed equipment and devices into its facilities. In doing this, we also need to be sure we do not contravene the [Medicines Act regulations](#) for the importing, supply and sale of medical devices in New Zealand.

Unapproved medical devices cannot be brought into the hospital by practitioners or suppliers.

This includes individually owned equipment, implants, samples, items purchased from supplier, borrowed from other facility or homemade.

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Definitions

[Medsafe Medical Devices New Zealand](#): Any instrument, apparatus, appliance, article, or material of a kind intended to be used in or on human beings for a therapeutic purpose

What practitioners and suppliers must do

If new equipment, supplies are required, meet with the theatre manager and or the hospital general manager to discuss your requirements giving rationale and benefits (clinical and commercial) and NZ supplier details.

Allow sufficient time before required use for the hospital and procurement to facilitate a speedy process.

What the hospital needs to do

Before accepting or purchasing any new equipment, contact procurement to confirm

- the item is registered with Medsafe (refer to [Introduction of new medical devices](#))
- any preferred supplier contractual arrangements

If the requested item isn't registered (unapproved) or available, discuss with the practitioner alternative options.

Liase with the supplier to confirm additional requirements such as implants, equipment compatibility, cleaning, disinfection, and sterilisation requirements and notify sterile

services team leader to complete [Purchasing new sterilising equipment and materials checks](#)

Prior to use and where necessary ensure

- any biomedical and/or electrical compliance testing has been undertaken
- staff training for handling and use new technologies has been completed

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