

Areas to Consider when Purchasing Medical Devices

- Fitness for intended purpose/application
- safety and performance information from the manufacturer (including detailed specifications of the medical device) compared against the performance specifications contained within the acquisition requirement
- rationalising the range of models versus diversity
- availability of manufacturers' instructions
- maintenance support services, where applicable
- availability of training
- availability of technical support and/or where applicable training for
- local service support
- decontamination and disposal procedures, including compatibility with the local decontamination processes already in use e.g. can it withstand the parameters used
- installation requirements and commissioning procedure
- support services
- reliability and previous performance
- lifetime costs
- warranty details • other support facilities. The device chosen must meet the EPUT performance specification, but unnecessary features may be a disadvantage. Points to consider are:
 - whether the device is compatible with other devices and any medicinal products that it is likely to be used with
 - whether the manufacturer intends the device to be used by those who will be using it
 - whether the device is appropriate for the intended environment. Safety and performance
- Is the device CE-marked?
- Is there any local knowledge or past history of problems with the device or type of device?
- Do MHRA safety publications, manufacturer's advisory notices or other relevant publications identify issues related to the device?
- Training
- Who will provide the training on setup and then on an ongoing basis.