



Issue Date: 6th September 2019

SAFETY ALERT NOTICE.

Drug / Product / Device : Oxygen Flow meters

Identified Issue / Concern / Problem/ Evidence of harm.

Recent review of NIMS reported incident where there was insufficient flow to deliver nebulised medication identified that the flow meters on the vehicle were not delivering the flow indicated.

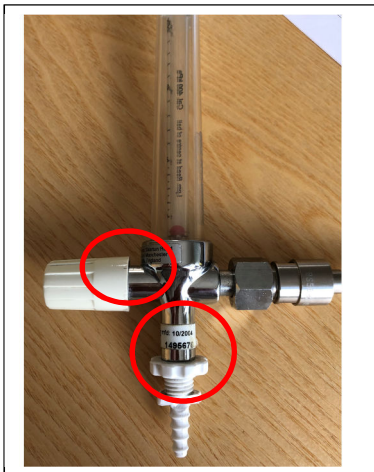
This was caused by the age and deterioration of flow caused by oxidation over time. In short the flow meter was too old and should not have been in service. Subsequent checks identified other similar devices.

Actions Required / Risk Treatment strategy

Examine the flow meters in all NAS fleet and in storage. Any identified as being 5 years old or older are to be disposed of and replaced immediately.

When vehicles are being moved or end of life the flow meters are to be returned with them for destruction.

The manufacture date of a flow meter can be found – as in photographs below.



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