

New Provisional National Standard

AAMI EQ93: 2018, Medical Equipment Management—Vocabulary used in Medical Equipment Programs

Circumstances warranting the issuance of AAMI EQ93 as a Provisional ANS

There is pressing need in medical equipment management, servicing and repair for clear and distinct definitions for key terms. Without clear differentiation as to what constitutes refurbishing, repair, servicing or remarketing, assigning roles and responsibilities around performing these tasks becomes difficult. Creating agreements, contracts or even regulations governing these activities is even more problematic. In addition, efforts to assess problems (or lack of problems) associated with servicing of devices is hindered if different stakeholders and parties are using servicing terms differently.

The terms in the proposed standard are based on a list of terms originally prepared by the FDA in its review of servicing issues. The EQ committee revised these definitions to ensure that they clearly defined and delineated the terms in a way that will be useful to the community. They are provided here in a Provisional American National Standard—a standard for trial use—so that wider use and community input can help determine whether the definitions can fulfill their goal of ensuring common understanding when the terms are used.

The standard may be downloaded for free at

<http://my.aami.org/store/SearchResults.aspx?searchterm=EQ93&searchoption=ALL>

Comments and suggested changes to the standard may be submitted to standards@aami.org.