

## Health

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### QinetiQ

• Where have we come from?

QinetiQ came into existence as a 'plc' on 1 July 2001. Prior to that, we were DERA, the UK Ministry of Defence's elite research and development organisation.

Ownership today

QinetiQ

### QinetiQ - Key facts

- Long and distinguished history
- 10,500 employees (7,500 scientists & engineers)
- Operate globally (US office two acquisitions 2004)
- Largest science & technology company in Europe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in the world
- Collaborate with major universities around the world
- Turnover of \$1.6 billion
- IPO planned during 2005/6
- Contracts ranging from \$100K \$10.4 billion
- Work with some of the largest multinational companies in heath sector (medical devices; pharma; biotech)



### How we turn capabilities into propositions





An unrivalled record of outstanding scientific and technological achievements QinetiQ developed the following:

- Jet Engine
- Radar
- Carbon Fibre
- Flat panel speakers
- Liquid crystal display ZBD Displays Ltd.
- 2020 speech
- QinetiQ Nanomaterials Itd







## Healthcare Managed Services

QinetiQ has outstanding breadth and depth of expertise as a managed services provider across many sectors. "*Safety before profit*" is the fundamental principle to which we adhere.

Our capabilities include:

- risk management
- logistics
- asset management and tracking
- capital investment
- technology insertion and upgrade.

Our track record is one of successfully meeting targets and milestones, delivering quality services and generating substantial cost reductions for our customers.





# A selection of key Health market achievements

### **Developed Products**

- World first Non-invasive Fetal ECG monitoring system
- PathScore world first automated diagnostic histopathology breast cancer system
- Ferroguard ferrous metal detector for use in MRI suites.
- Autofocus MRI deblurring product with the Mayo Clinic, US.

#### Achievements

- In 1997 QinetiQ developed the silicon microneedle, thus enabling the potential for painless drug delivery through the skin.
- DNPO chemical processes co-developed with ICI for improved nitration chemistry

#### Joint venture product based companies:

PsiMedica - Biosilicon<sup>TM</sup> based drug delivery system recently granted the world's first licence for human trials

CopyrMELeODe+₂location based metal detection system

### QinetiQ innovation in decontamination

- Refining turnaround times
- Securing supply chain efficiencies
- Statistical Process Control
- Decreased pack cool-down period
- Prioritised tracking



### Other future innovation

- Improved instrument inspection
- Automated patient record update
- Automatic instrument inspection
- E-business



## Introduction of Statistical Process Control in Decontamination



### What is Statistical Process Control (SPC)?

## The application of statistical methods to identify and control the cause of variation in a process



### Where does it come from?

- 1920's Shewhart introduces Statistical Process Control
- 1950's Deming introduces Statistical Process Control to Japan
- 1970's America starts to lose market share
- 1980's "Quality Revolution" begins in America
- 1990's Quality Programs Spread to Service Industries



# Why is SPC applicable to decontamination?

- Parameters that can impact Wash Disinfection Process
  - Wash, disinfect process quality
    - Preparation and layout of instruments
    - Length of time soiling is allowed to dry on instruments
    - Water quality
    - Water pressure
    - Water temperature
    - Dosage of disinfectant
  - Drying time
    - Air temperature
    - Air circulation



### What do we currently do?

- Monitor
  - Detergent dose
  - Conductivity of the water
  - Temperature during all stages
  - Pump pressure
- Manual comparison / sign off
- "Fail Safe" Independent monitor
- Manual inspection of wash process "Quality"
- Test on a daily & weekly basis
- Calibrate on a quarterly & annual basis



# How can we apply Statistical Process Control?

- Monitor number of dirty instruments per basket
- Monitor the number of wet packs per Sterilizer Load







### Work required to introduce SPC

- Determine the measurement method
- Qualify the measurement system
- Initiate data collection & SPC charting
- Develop & document Reaction Plan
- Calculate control limits
- Assess control

Data Type	Defect Definition	Sample Size	Chart
Attribute Data - Counted as discrete events	Defect data - Number of defects, not number of defective units	Constant Sample Size	c Chart Number of Defects
		Variable Sample Size	u Chart Defects per Unit
	Defective Unit Data	Constant Sample Size, usually	np Chart Number of Defective Units
		Variable Sample Size usually ≥50	p Chart Fraction of Units Defective
Variable Data		Sample Size = 1	X and R <sub>m</sub> Moving Range
- Measured on a continuous scale		Sample Size < 10	$\overline{X}$ and R
		Sample Size > 10	$\overline{X}$ and s



### What can we gain?

- Identification of a 'glitch' in the process
- Early warning of a growing trend
- Quality culture
- Confidence in the process
- Reduced testing regime
- Service & maintenance only when needed
- Automatic validation of washer disinfector process



### Example monitoring point



• SPC failure at Inspection point after Wash disinfection



### **Example Monitoring Point**



• HTM 2030 RO Water conductivity limit 30µS



### Work needed to see maximum benefit

- Risk analysis
- Identification of required data capture
- Parallel running of continuous monitoring with current process
- Trial using good and fault conditions
- National body acceptance



### Envisaged challenges

- Working with equipment manufacturers to:
  - Reduced validation
  - Reduced servicing
  - Reduced maintenance cost
- Potential resistance by other stakeholders due to change



### Cost of introducing innovation

- Ideas cost little
- Developing demonstrators cost a little more
- Cost benefit analysis break point (1)
- Balancing Stakeholder expectations break point (2)
- Re-evaluate cost benefit analysis break point (3)
- Introducing innovation significant break point (4)
- Recover investment break point (5)



### Conclusion

- Small number of UK Customers
- Customers have same objective, different ways of achieving it
- Cost of innovation large
- Supply Chain needs to pull together
- Need a joined up Customer

