

**Technical Release Bulletin QwikCheck™ beads**  
**STORAGE CONDITIONS (for SQA-V, Vb, Vp)**

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**Subject: QwikCheck™ beads storage**

**Background:** QwikCheck™ beads are an external quality control material for use in automated and manual sperm counting systems. The material is for in-vitro use only and is to be used as a tool to assess the accuracy and precision of the laboratory's sperm counting methods by providing a known target value and +/- range.

**Problem description:** The product insert states that QwikCheck beads should be stored at room temperature in the original containers and tightly capped to prevent evaporation. Some facilities/laboratories are not temperature controlled and are concerned that temperatures over 28 degrees centigrade will adversely impact the beads shelf life.

**Procedure:**

1. Storing QwikCheck beads in the refrigerator will insure the bead shelf life stability.
2. After storage in the refrigerator, the beads should be brought to room temperature prior to testing.

**Distribution: All QwikCheck Bead users on demand**

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