

**Technical Release Bulletin**  
**QwikCheck™ Beads Open Vial Shelf Life**  
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**Background:**

QwikCheck™ Beads (Medical Electronic Systems) have an open and a closed vial shelf life. This labeling insures accurate results that could be compromised due to bead evaporation over time which can be related to high ambient laboratory temperature and/or infrequent use of the beads.

**Storage conditions:**

The stability of the QwikCheck™ Beads control material is highly dependent on maintaining an intact matrix volume. Therefore, special storage conditions and timeframes for use after opening are recommended as follows:

1. Each kit contains two known concentrations of **QwikCheck™ Beads** in two 5 ml aliquots and one 5 ml negative concentration and motility control.
2. Store unopened bead kits @ 15-30°C (60-86°F).
3. After opening for the first time, refrigerate @ 2-8°C (36-46°F) for 90 days or store @ 15-30°C (60-86°F) for 30 days.
4. Refrigerated bottles must be brought to room temperature before use.
5. The labeled storage expiration date assumes that **QwikCheck™ Beads** are stored in their original containers and are tightly capped to prevent evaporation.
6. QwikCheck™ beads are stable and show no loss of expected performance characteristics after transport/storage over a period of 72 hours at the temperature range of -20°C to +37°C (-4°F to +99°F).

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