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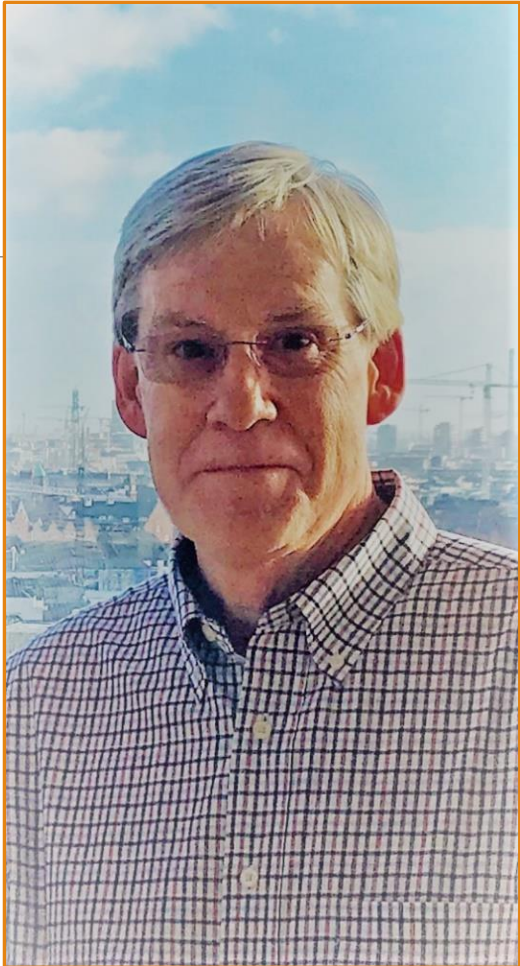


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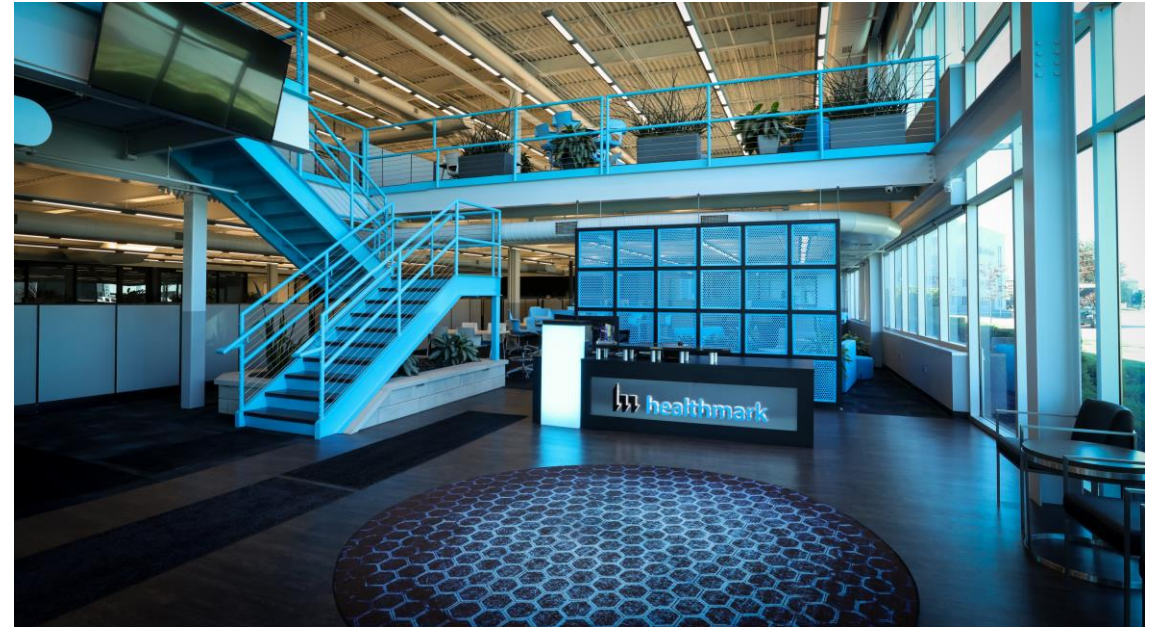
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Oral Surgery

Otolaryngology

Pulmonary

Radiation Oncology

Sleep Labs

Speech Pathology

Surgery Clinics

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Potential Amb. Care sites with local HLD/sterilization – and common reusable devices requiring processing
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Allergy – endoscopes

Cardiology – pneumotachs

Emergency – endoscopes, laryngoscope blades

Endoscopy (GI/Pulmonary) – endoscopes, dilators, manometry probes

Family Medicine – vag. specs, endocavitary US probes, fitting diaphragms

OB/GYN & Women's' Health - vag. specs, endocavitary US probes, fitting diaphragms, endoscopes

Ophthalmology - tonometers

Oral Surgery - endoscopes

Otolaryngology – endoscopes

Pulmonary – endoscopes, laryngoscope blades, trachs

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#4 - Responding to and Learning from Device Problems –

- Create a plan for device-related incidents, towards better response, and limiting reoccurrence.

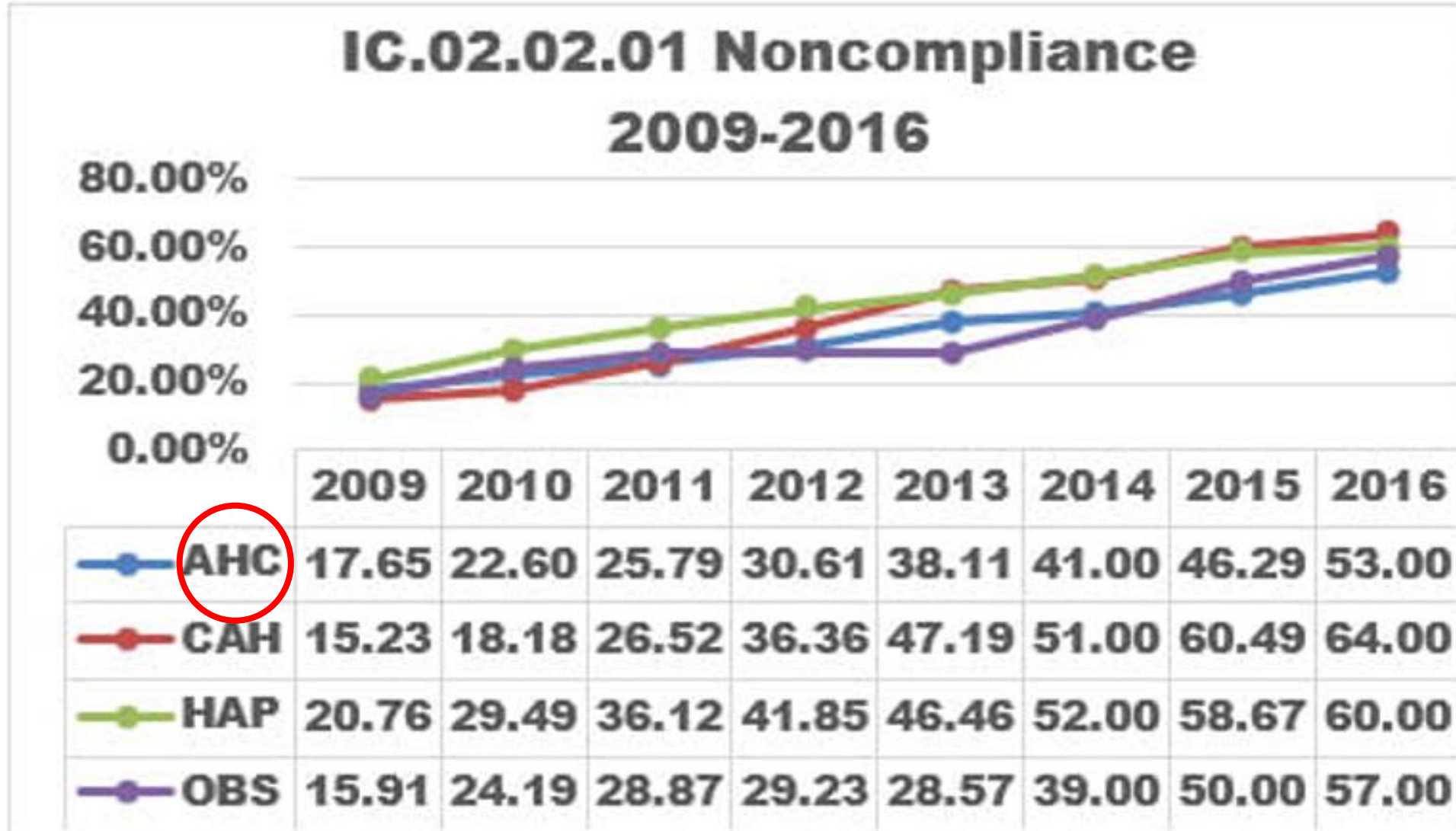
#5 - Device Cleaning, Disinfection, and Sterilization -

- “... productivity pressures; lack of access to current manufacturer instructions...lack of necessary supplies; communication breakdowns... and a lack of universal training and certification requirements.”

#6 - Standardizing Safety across the System –

- “Cultures of safety” need to be reproduced and maintained through all healthcare systems - large and small.

TJC noncompliance rate by program



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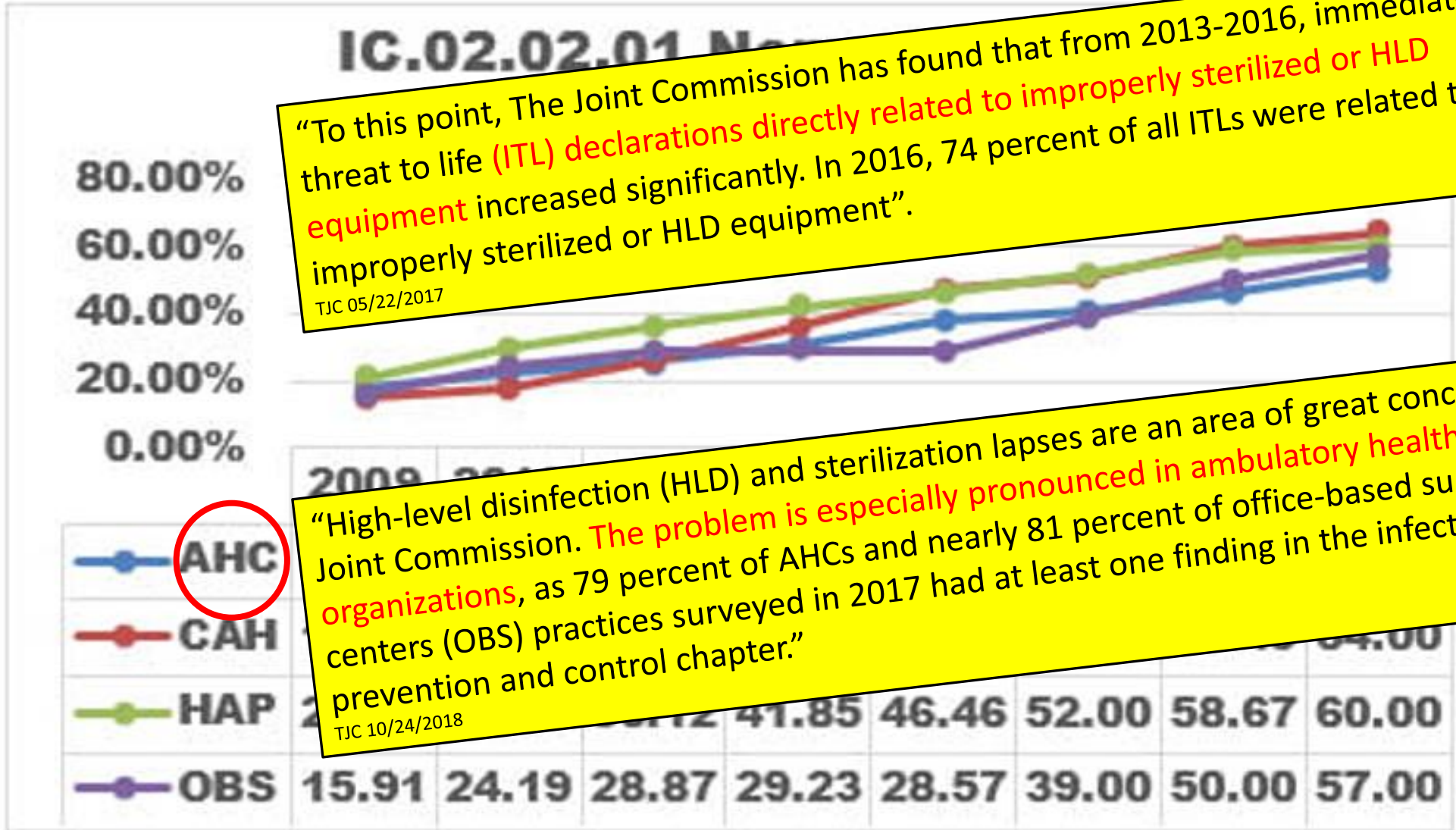
TJC 05/22/2017

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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
AHC	17.65	22.60	25.79	30.61	38.11	41.00	46.29	53.00
CAH	15.23	18.18	26.52	36.36	47.19	51.00	60.49	64.00
HAP	20.76	29.49	36.12	41.85	46.46	52.00	58.67	60.00
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TJC 10/24/2018

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Accreditation and Certification

Top 5 most challenging requirements for 2020



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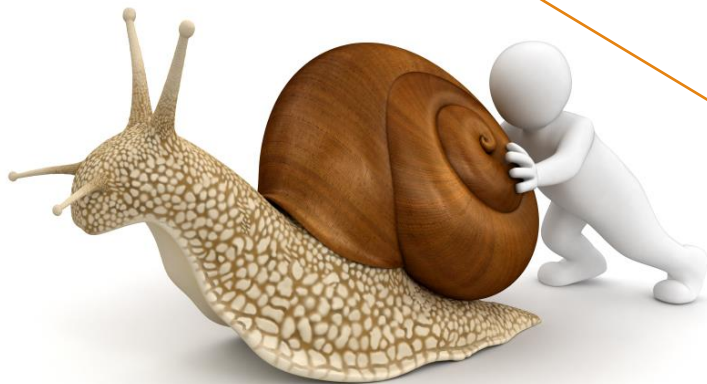
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Frequently scored noncompliance – IC.02.02.01

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020



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Common system risks

- Multiple sites performing High-level Disinfection (HLD)/sterilization
- Multiple staff/job families with varied experience/training
 - Instr. Sterilizers, MAs/Techs, Therapists, Nurses, Physicians.
- Multiple devices
 - Endoscopes, speculums, probes, trachs, tonometers, dilators, sterile instruments, etc.
- Multiple processes
 - Glutaraldehyde, OPA, H2O2, Trophon, steam autoclave, etc.
- Never an institutional expectation for approval to use HLD/sterilization processes.

COMMON ROOT CAUSES

○ Processes in place but not followed

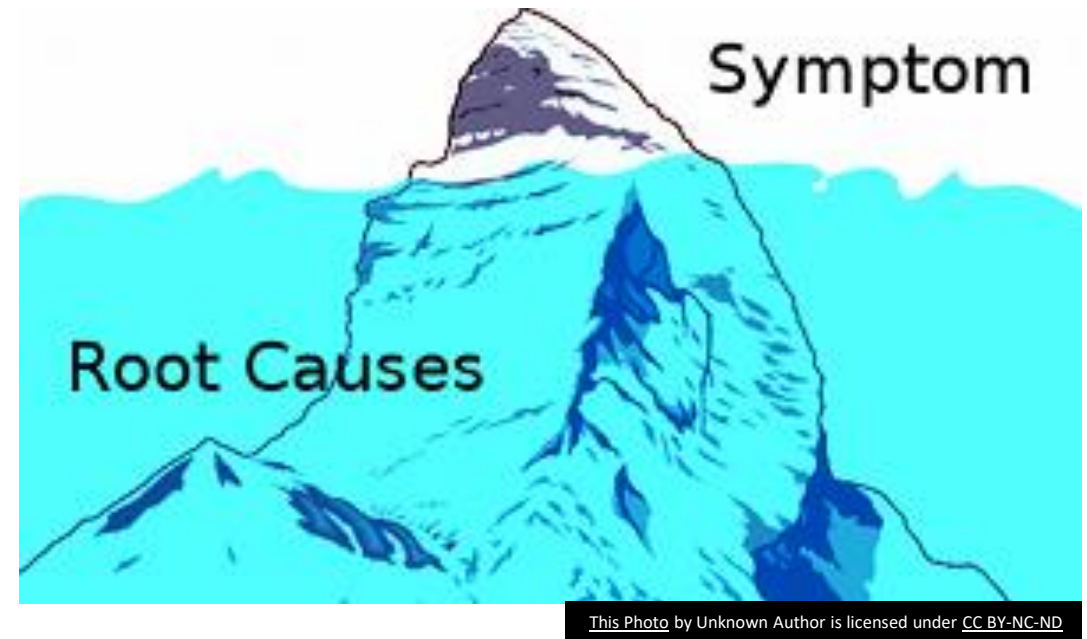
- No precleaning.
- Disinfectant test strip bottle not dated correctly.
- Incorrect product used for pre-soak.
- Inappropriate storage.

○ Lack of clarity/understanding re: standards

- Cleaning brushes
- Drying time after surface disinfection
- Biohazard labelling
- Double peel pack with inner pouch folded over
- Storage of HLD items in proximity to reprocessing
- Outside shipping containers in clean storage areas

○ Misalignment of policies with manufacturers' Instructions For Use (IFU) and/or standards



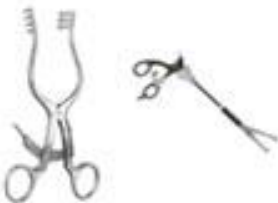
- Enzymatic detergent dilution



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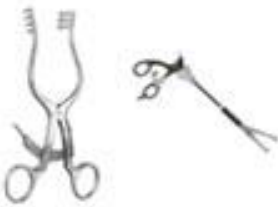
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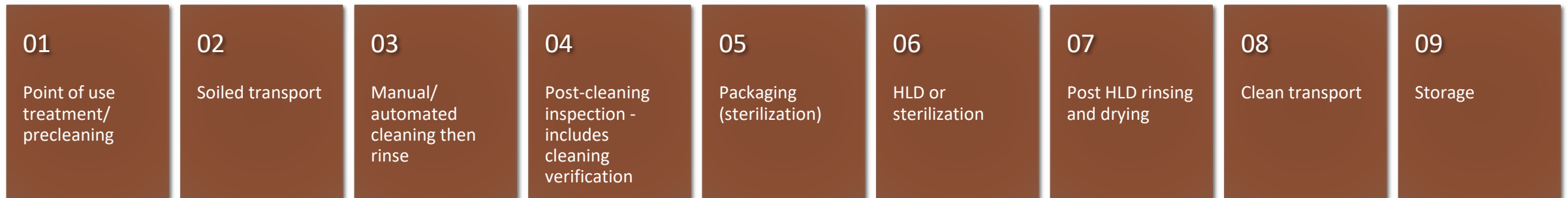
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Basic steps for any reusable medical device that requires HLD/sterilization processing



POINT OF USE TREATMENT/PRECLEANING

- At point of use – exam/procedure room.
- May be simple – e.g. wiping gross residual off a vag. spec.
- May be more complicated – e.g. flushing channels for a cystoscope.
- May involve prepackaged kits – e.g. with enzymatic deterrent.
- For surgical instruments, often involves foaming sprays.





SOILED TRANSPORT

- Containment – commonly solid, leakproof, puncture resistant containers or transport carts
- Prevent cross contamination and damage to device
- Appropriate size transport container
- Labeling as contaminated (biohazard), NOT patient ready
- Needs to meet OSHA hazardous transport guidelines
- For offsite transport, need to meet D.O.T., state, local regulations.

IMPORTANCE OF CLEANING

CLEANING:

- The removal of all soil and organic material.
- Must precede disinfection/sterilization.

○SOIL that remains:

- May interfere with the ability of the disinfection/sterilization process to effectively destroy microorganisms; and
- May contribute to biofilm



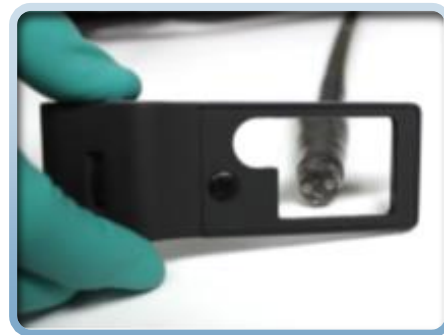
MANUAL/AUTOMATED CLEANING THEN RINSE



- Appropriate brushes – made for cleaning medical devices.
- Negative pressure air flow – DOORS REMAIN SHUT.
- Dirty-to-clean workflow.

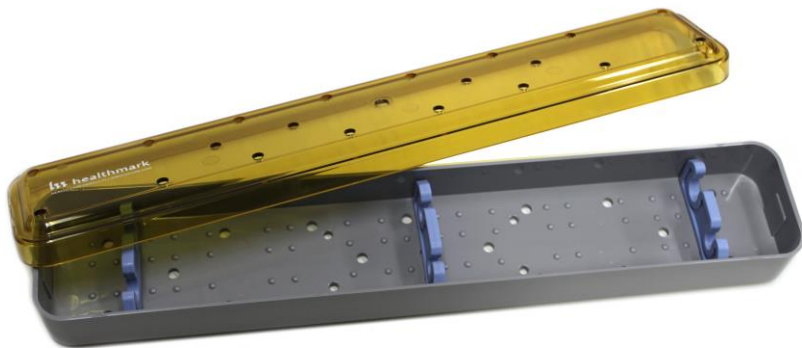
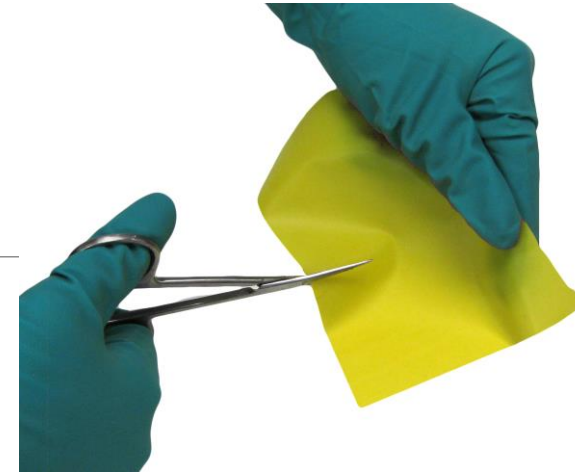
POST CLEANING INSPECTION – incl. cleaning verification

- Minimally gross visual inspection.
- **BEST PRACTICE** - enhanced visual inspection (lighted magnification).
 - Allows items to be returned for additional cleaning if needed.
 - Allows damaged items to be removed from service.
- **Cleaning verification tests:** Protein, Carbohydrate, Hemoglobin, ATP.



PREP and PACKAGING (sterilization)

- Inspection (cleanliness, damage)
- Functionality testing – e.g. scissors sharp, insulation testing.
- Contents correct - compared with count sheets.
- Proper packaging to facilitate complete and effective sterilization – so all surfaces exposed
- Commonly seen in Amb Care. – peel pouches and trays.
- Chemical indicator strip inside peel packs
- External indicator tape for blue wrapped items.



HLD or STERILIZATION



HLD

- Minimum processing for semi-critical devices (per Spaulding's, if sterilization available and compatible, should be used).
- Manual or automated liquid chemical exposure.
- Process monitoring: soak time, minimum effective concentration, temperature.
- Complete rinsing critical.

Class 5 Chemical Indicators



STERILIZATION

- Tabletop steam sterilizer (AKA autoclave) - common to Amb. Care
- Not all devices can withstand steam sterilization (e.g. flexible endoscopes).
- Physical, chemical and biological indicators.
- Complete documentation of sterilization cycle.



POST-HLD RINSING AND DRYING

- PPE used for cleaning was removed and hand hygiene took place.
- Complete rinsing – as per mfr. IFUs.
- Pay attention to IFU re: quality of rinse water.
- Drying area and beyond is dedicated clean space.
- Post-HLD visual cues.



CLEAN/STERILE TRANSPORT



- Containment intended to protect device and minimize chance of contamination
- Trays and carts
- Avoid excessive handling
- Anything dropping to the floor is considered contaminated

STORAGE

- POSITIVE pressure space – doors remains closed.
- Clean, protected (e.g. endoscope storage cabinets).
- Temperature/humidity controlled.
- Not randomly kept amongst equipment. and office supplies.
- No food or drink.
- Visual cues.



AUTOCLAVED ON _____
EXPIRES ON _____

RETURN TO CENTRAL SERVICE
FOR RESTERILIZATION



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Review the applicable best practice standards and guidelines for device processing.



Identify key strategies for identification and mitigation of related risks.

What are expected cleaning and disinfection/sterilization practices based on?

1. **Manufacturer's Instructions For Use (IFU)**
2. National guidelines and standards
3. Institutional policies

Manufacturer's Instructions for Use (IFU)

KEY EXPECTATIONS:

- Have IFUs readily available
- Know the IFUs
- Follow the IFUs

REMEMBER THIS REFERS TO:

- IFUs for devices being processed
- IFUs for automated processing equipment
- IFUs for chemistries

INSTRUCTIONS

CYSTO-NEPHRO VIDEOSCOPE

OLYMPUS CYF-VH
OLYMPUS CYF-VHR

Endoscope feature

Not equipped with the suction function

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Integra® Miltex®
Pessary Fitting Set
Directions for Use/English



Description

The Pessary Fitting Set is to help determine the proper style and size of pessary for each patient. It includes six popular Ring pessaries and an embossed cross-reference chart to use in selecting the appropriate pessary.

Indications for Use

The Pessary Fitting Set is designed for the physician to determine the proper size and type of pessary for the patient before prescription is written.

Contraindications

Pessary Fitting Set is contraindicated in patients with acute genital tract infections, pelvic infections, or non-compliant patients.

Precautions

Pessary Fitting Set is not designed for at home patient use. The Pessary Fitting Set is supplied non-sterile.

Cleaning and Sterilization Instructions

1. Cleaning: submerge in enzymatic cleaner for 20 minutes. Remove from enzymatic cleaner and rinse thoroughly with demineralized water. Allow to dry completely prior to sterilization.

Disinfecting: use high level disinfecting solution. Be sure to review and follow manufacturer of the disinfection solution's instructions for use.

2. Recommended Sterilization Parameters:

Sterilizer	Exposure Temperature	Exposure Time
Pre-Vacuum	132°C (270°F)	4 minutes
Gravity Steam	121°C (250°F)	30 minutes
Gravity Steam	132°C - 135°C (270°F - 275°F)	10 minutes

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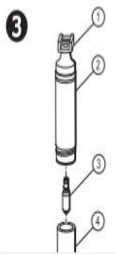
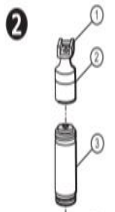
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BW-15B



MH-507

Refer to the endoscope's companion manual, the "OPERATION" manual, for operation information.

USA: CAUTION: Federal law restricts this device to sale to licensed practitioners.

English

Intended use

The rechargeable laryngoscope handle is an accessory used with compatible rigid laryngoscope blades which are used to examine and visualize a patient's airway and placement of a tracheal tube.

About this document

These directions for use apply to Welch Allyn rechargeable laryngoscope handles: 60713, 60835 (2.5V & 3.5V fiber optic) and 60710 & 60720 (2.5V standard).

Welch Allyn reusable rechargeable fiber optic laryngoscope handles (60713 & 60835) may be used with Welch Allyn fiber optic laryngoscope blades Macintosh 6806X, English Macintosh 6921X, and Miller 6806X.

Welch Allyn reusable rechargeable standard laryngoscope handles (60710 & 60720) may be used with Welch Allyn standard laryngoscope blades Macintosh 6804X, English Macintosh 6924X, and Miller 6804X and 68470 (standard).

Warnings

WARNING: Welch Allyn reusable rechargeable laryngoscope handles must be reprocessed after each use.

WARNING: The reprocessing procedure and the equipment and materials described must be followed and conducted by persons trained and familiar with medical device reprocessing.

WARNING: Consult cleaning and disinfecting agent manufacturer instructions for their proper preparation and use.

WARNING: Repeated reprocessing may degrade elements of the handle. Follow inspection procedures to assure damage has not occurred to the handle.

WARNING: High level disinfection and/or sterilization are not achieved by these methods.

WARNING: Lamps, if left illuminated, could generate sufficient heat to cause burns.

WARNING: Discard any component that shows evidence of damage or deterioration.

WARNING: Do not modify this equipment. Any modification of this equipment may lead to patient injury. Any modification of this equipment voids the product warranty.

WARNING: Personnel shall follow their facility policies and procedures and wear appropriate personal protective equipment when handling potentially contaminated equipment.

WARNING: Laryngoscope equipment is not suitable for use in intense magnetic fields.

Cautions

CAUTION: Failure to follow these instructions may cause damage to this handle.

CAUTION: Do not immerse/soak handle, damage to handle may occur.

CAUTION: Only use lamp specified. Failure to follow these instructions may cause damage or poor performance of the handle.

CAUTION: If the device will be unused for several months or longer, remove the batteries prior to storing the device.

Reprocessing instructions

These reprocessing instructions refer to procedures for cleaning and intermediate level disinfection. Rechargeable laryngoscope handles must be reprocessed prior to first use and between each use using the following method as outlined in this document.

- Cleaning and intermediate level disinfection

Welch Allyn has validated the above instruction as being capable of preparing these laryngoscope handles for re-use. The user must ensure that the reprocessing is actually performed by the user's personnel, with the user's equipment and materials, achieves the desired result. This may require validation and routine monitoring of the user's actual process.

Cleaning and intermediate level disinfection instructions

Point of use

1. Separate blade assembly from handle and place handle into suitable containment for subsequent reprocessing. See Figure 1. Do not place handle with sharp devices.
2. Prevent the handle from drying (i.e. wrap/cover in moist germicidal wipe).

Preparation for decontamination

1. Select an appropriate quaternary ammonium isopropanol based germicidal cleaning wipe labeled suitable for use on healthcare equipment and capable of intermediate level disinfection. Reference EPA-registered disinfectants: <http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/chemregindex.htm>. Outside of the U.S. please consult applicable regulatory body for equivalent quaternary ammonium isopropanol germicidal cleaner.
2. For 60710 & 60720 standard handle: unscrew bottom cap (5) of handle counterclockwise, remove battery (4) and separate handle (2 and 3). See Figure 2.
For 60713 & 60835 fiber optic handle: unscrew bottom cap (5) of handle counterclockwise, remove battery (4) and lamp cartridge (3). See Figure 3.
3. Set battery aside.

Initial cleaning and disinfection

1. Follow the germicidal wipe manufacturer's instructions to clean all exposed surfaces of handle parts, bottom cap (and lamp cartridge for 60713 & 60835).
2. If necessary, brush with a dry, soft-bristled brush and re-wipe to loosen/remove excessive visible soil.
3. After all visible soil is removed, re-wipe to wet all surfaces and allow adequate contact time for disinfection as directed by the germicidal wipe manufacturer.

CAUTION: Only use quaternary ammonium isopropanol based germicidal wipes.

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Pessary Fitting Set

Directions for Use/English

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Description

The Pessary Fitting Set is to help determine the proper style and size of pessary for each patient. It includes six popular Ring pessaries and an embossed cross-reference chart to use in selecting the appropriate pessary.

Indications for Use

The Pessary Fitting Set is designed for the physician to determine the proper size and type of pessary for the patient before prescription is written.

Contraindications

Pessary Fitting Set is contraindicated in patients with acute genital tract infections, pelvic infections, or non-compliant patients.

Precautions

Pessary Fitting Set is not designed for at home patient use. The Pessary Fitting Set is supplied non-sterile.

Cleaning and Sterilization Instructions

1. Cleaning: submerge in enzymatic cleaner for 20 minutes. Remove from enzymatic cleaner and rinse thoroughly with demineralized water. Allow to dry completely prior to sterilization.

Disinfecting: use high level disinfecting solution. Be sure to review and follow manufacturer of the disinfection solution's instructions for use.

2. Recommended Sterilization Parameters:

Sterilizer	Exposure Temperature	Exposure Time
Pre-Vacuum	132°C (270°F)	4 minutes
Gravity Steam	121°C (250°F)	30 minutes
Gravity Steam	132°C - 135°C (270°F - 275°F)	10 minutes

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Rechargeable Grip

Rechargeable laryngoscope handles

Directions for use

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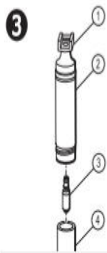
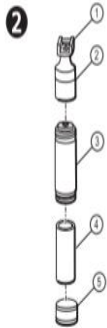
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CYSTO-NEPHRO VIDEOSCOPE

OLYMPUS CYF-VH
OLYMPUS CYF-VHR

Endoscope feature

Not equipped with the suction function



Accessories:

- Sterilization cap (MAJ-1538)
- Channel cleaning brush (BW-15B)
- Channel-opening cleaning brush (MH-507)
- Forceps/Irrigation plug (isoletted type) (MAJ-891)

*1 This product may not be available in some areas.



Refer to the endoscope's companion manual, the "OPERATION" manual, for operation information.

USA: CAUTION: Federal law restricts this device to use by or on the order of a licensed practitioner.

English

Intended use

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About this document

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Welch Allyn reusable rechargeable standard laryngoscope handles (60710 & 60720) may be used with Welch Allyn standard laryngoscope blades Macintosh 6040X, English Macintosh 6040X, and Miller 6040X and 68470 (standard).

Warnings

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WARNING: Repeated reprocessing may degrade elements of the handle. Follow inspection procedures to assure damage has not occurred to the handle.

WARNING: High level disinfection and/or sterilization are not achieved by these methods.

WARNING: Lamps, if left illuminated, could generate sufficient heat to cause burns.

WARNING: Discard any component that shows evidence of damage or deterioration.

WARNING: Do not modify this equipment. Any modification of this equipment may lead to patient injury. Any modification of this equipment voids the product warranty.

WARNING: Personnel shall follow their facility policies and procedures and wear appropriate personal protective equipment when handling potentially contaminated equipment.

WARNING: Laryngoscope equipment is not suitable for use in intense magnetic fields.

Cautions

CAUTION: Failure to follow these instructions may cause damage to this handle.

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CAUTION: If the device will be unused for several months or longer, remove the batteries prior to storing the device.

Reprocessing instructions

These reprocessing instructions refer to procedures for cleaning and intermediate level disinfection. Rechargeable laryngoscope handles must be reprocessed prior to first use and between each use using the following method as outlined in this document:

- Cleaning and intermediate level disinfection

Welch Allyn has validated the above instruction as being capable of preparing these laryngoscope handles for re-use. The user must ensure that the reprocessing is actually performed by the user's personnel, with the user's equipment and materials, achieves the desired result. This may require validation and routine monitoring of the user's actual process.

Cleaning and intermediate level disinfection instructions

Point of use

1. Separate blade assembly from handle and place handle into suitable containment for subsequent reprocessing. See Figure 1. Do not place handle with sharp devices.
2. Prevent the handle from drying (i.e. wrap/cover in moist germicidal wipe).

Preparation for decontamination

1. Select an appropriate quaternary ammonium isopropanol based germicidal cleaning wipe labeled suitable for use on healthcare equipment and capable of intermediate level disinfection. Reference EPA-registered disinfectants: <http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/chemregindex.htm>. Outside of the U.S. please consult applicable regulatory body for equivalent quaternary ammonium isopropanol germicidal cleaner.

2. For 60710 & 60720 standard handle: unscrew bottom cap (5) of handle counterclockwise, remove battery (4) and separate handle (2 and 3). See Figure 2.
3. For 60713 & 60835 fiber optic handle: unscrew bottom cap (5) of handle counterclockwise, remove battery (4) and lamp cartridge (3). See Figure 3.
3. Set battery aside.

Initial cleaning and disinfection

1. Follow the germicidal wipe manufacturer's instructions to clean all exposed surfaces of handle parts, bottom cap (and lamp cartridge for 60713 & 60835).
2. If necessary, brush with a dry, soft-bristled brush and re-wipe to loosen/remove excessive visible soil.
3. After all visible soil is removed, re-wipe to wet all surfaces and allow adequate contact time for disinfection as directed by the germicidal wipe manufacturer.

CAUTION: Only use quaternary ammonium isopropanol based germicidal wipes.

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REPROCESSING INSTRUCTIONS FOR NON-POWERED INSTRUMENTS

GENERAL COMMENTS

The following are instrument care instructions for all reusable medical devices supplied by Bausch + Lomb, unless different instructions are supplied with the device.

The following instructions have been validated by Bausch + Lomb as being CAPABLE of preparing a medical device for reuse. It remains the responsibility of the processor to ensure that the processing is actually performed using equipment, materials and personnel in the facility to achieve the desired results. This requires validation and routine monitoring of the process. Deviations from the instructions provided should be promptly validated for effectiveness and safety. All cleaning and disinfection processes require validation at the point of use. Their effectiveness will depend on many factors and it is only possible to provide general guidance on proper device cleaning and disinfection.

Products unless stated otherwise are supplied from Bausch + Lomb in a non-sterile state and are not to be used without being cleaned, disinfected and dried.

These instructions are intended for use only by persons with the required knowledge and training.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Processing Equipment should be qualified and validated to ensure suitability for its intended purpose.

WARNINGS

- Do not soak instruments in solutions containing chlorine or chlorides as these may cause corrosion and damage the instrument.
- Do not process microsurgical instruments in an automated washer unless it has a delicate cycle.
- Do not process powered instruments in an ultrasonic cleaner.
- Do not process single use instruments.
- Flush certification processing should be reserved for emergency reprocessing only and should not be employed for routine disinfection processing of the instrument. Flush certified items should be used immediately, and not stored for later use. See ANSI/AAMI ST9:2010 and A1:2010 and your institution's policies for restrictions regarding the use of flush certification.
- Long narrow cannulations and blind holes require particular attention during cleaning.
- Do not use the procedure for diamond knives.

LIMITATIONS ON REPROCESSING

Reprocessing according to the instructions provided below should not adversely affect the functionality of instruments. The useful life of the instrument is determined by wear and damage during use.

INSTRUCTIONS

Point of Use

- Following use, the instrument should be drained of excess soil using a disposable cloth paper wipe as soon as possible.
- The instrument should be kept moist to prevent soil from drying on the instrument.

WARNING: Do not soak instruments in solutions containing chlorine or chlorides as these may cause corrosion and damage the instrument.

WARNING: Single use instruments should not be reprocessed.

Containment and Transport

- The instrument should be reprocessed as soon as possible.
- The instrument should be placed in a suitable container to protect personnel from contamination during transport to the decontamination area.

Preparation for Decontamination and Cleaning

Universal precautions should be followed including the use of suitable personal protective equipment (gloves, face shield, apron, etc.) according to your institution's policies.

Automated Cleaning and Thermal Disinfection

WARNING: Do not process microsurgical instruments in an automated washer unless it has a delicate cycle.

1. Follow the instructions of the washer manufacturer.
2. Use only neutral pH cleaning solutions.
3. If gross soiling is evident on the instrument manual pre-cleaning with a neutral pH cleaning solution may be necessary.
4. Ensure that any hinged instruments are open and that instruments with lumens can drain effectively. When the washer has provisions for lumens adjusters these should be employed for lumen instruments.
5. Place the instruments in suitable carriers such that they are not subject to excessive movement or contact with other instruments.
6. Process the instrument according to the conditions indicated below. The cleaning times and conditions may be adjusted based on the amount of soiling present on the instrument. The following conditions were validated using a neutral pH detergent (Surgeon Instrument) and a severe organic soil challenge (Biomedical Instrumentation and Technology 2007:41(4):354-371).

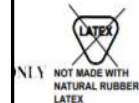
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and size of pessary for each patient. It includes six parts to use in selecting the appropriate pessary.

Form the proper size and type of pessary for the patient.

Prevents genital tract infections, pelvic infections, or urinary tract infections.

The Pessary Fitting Set is supplied non-sterile.

Remove from enzymatic cleaner and rinse thoroughly prior to sterilization.

Refer to review and follow manufacturer of the pessary.

Exposure Time

minutes

minutes

minutes

minutes

Manufacturer's seals intact to be accepted for product defect. Determination of a product defect for replacement if they have been in the presence of moisture.

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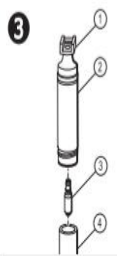
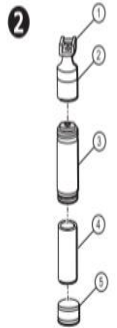
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USA: CAUTION: Federal law restricts this device to use



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Clinical use only

Disinfection guide

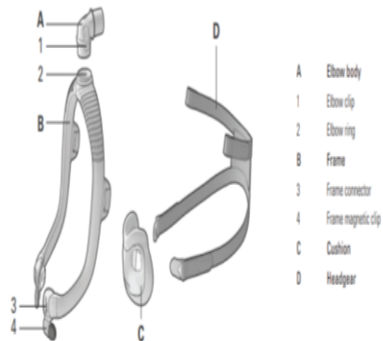
This guide is intended for multi-patient re-use of the AirFit® F30i full face mask in a sleep lab, clinic or hospital. If you use the mask as a single user in the home, refer to the User Guide for cleaning instructions. The processor is responsible for ensuring that reprocessing is completed in accordance with ResMed's validated procedures.

Mask component ¹	Cleaning - Mild alkaline, anionic detergent eg. Alconox	Validated number of cycles
	Thermal Disinfection 157°F (70°C) for 30 minutes OR 194-199°F (89-92°C) for 1 to 10 minutes	
• Cushion	✓	30
• Frame / frame magnetic clips	✓	30
• Elbow body / elbow clip / elbow ring	✓	30
• Headgear ²	✓	30
• Soft wrap ³	-	-

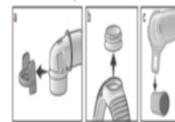
¹May not be available in all regions. For full details regarding the correct use of this mask, please refer to the User Guide. For a list of available replacement parts, check the Product Guide on ResMed.com.

²Headgear includes headgear magnetic clips.

³Not intended for multi-patient re-use.



Additional assembly



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Remove from enzymatic cleaner and rinse thoroughly prior to sterilization.

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7. The cleaning solution should be changed before it becomes visibly soiled. The ultrasonic bath should be drained and cleaned each day it is used or more frequently if visible soiling is evident. Follow the instructions of the manufacturer for the cleaning and draining of the ultrasonic bath.

8. Repeat steps 4-6 as necessary if visible soil remains on the instrument.

9. Rinse the instrument by holding it under warm (27°C - 44°C/80°F - 111°F) running water for at least 30 seconds, rotating the instrument to expose all surfaces and cavities to flowing water. Additional rinsing may be necessary depending on the size of the instrument.

10. If the instrument has lumens the lumens should be flushed using a syringe filled with 50cc of warm distilled or deionized water using a stopcock as follows:

- Place syringe tip into a beaker of warm (27°C - 44°C/80°F - 104°F) distilled or deionized water and fill to the 50cc mark.
- Connect the end of the syringe to the center stopcock fitting.
- Rotate the stopcock lever to the main lumen fitting (impaction) or to the branch lumen fitting (aspiration) to allow fluid flow through the lumen fitting.
- Connect the stopcock to the appropriate lumen connector on the instrument.
- Push on the syringe plunger to force fluid through the lumen into another beaker for proper disposal. Do not draw fluid back through the lumen. Disconnect the syringe. Disconnect the syringe stopcock from the instrument.
- Repeat steps 4-6 at least three times, for each lumen.

11. Fill the syringe with 50cc of air, attach the stopcock, and push on the plunger to force air through each lumen. Disconnect the syringe stopcock from the instrument.

NOTE: The C720 Universal Maintenance Kit contains a syringe and stopcock suitable for cleaning instrument lumens.

12. Immerse the instrument in clean back containing fresh deionized or distilled water and soak the instrument for at least three minutes.

13. Immerse the instrument in second clean back containing fresh deionized or distilled water and soak for at least three minutes.

14. Perform a final rinse of the instrument with sterile distilled or deionized water for at least 30 seconds, rotating the instrument to expose all surfaces and cavities to flowing water.

Disinfection

Due to the potential for residual chemicals to remain on the instrument and cause an adverse reaction Bausch + Lomb does not recommend the use of liquid chemical disinfectants or sterilants with instruments. See Automated Cleaning and Thermal Disinfection above for procedures for thermal disinfection of instruments in an automated washer/disinfector.

Drying

Carefully dry the instrument with a lint free surgical wipe or blow the instrument dry with clean filtered forced air.

Maintenance, Inspection and Testing

Following cleaning inspect the instrument to ensure that all visible soil has been removed and that the instrument operates as intended.

Packaging

Package the instrument in a suitable sterilization pouch or instrument tray.

Sterilization

Unless otherwise indicated in the Directions for Use provided with the specific instrument, instruments and instrument trays may be sterilized by the following most heat (steam) sterilization methods:

- Pre-vacuum High Temperature Autoclave: 274°F (134°C) for 3 minutes, wrapped.
- NOTE:** As per ANSI/AAMI S79.2010 and A1.2010 2017 012°C to 4 minutes and 207°F (153°C) for 3 minutes are acceptable minimum cycle times for dynamic air removal steam sterilization cycles.
- Standard Gravity Autoclave: 275°F (135°C) for 30 minutes, wrapped.
- High Speed (Flash) Autoclave: 279°F (137°C) (18.0bar) (1.8bar) for 10 minutes, unwrapped, but covered.
- High Vacuum Pre-vacuum Autoclave: 274°F (134°C) (2.0bar) for 3 minutes.

WARNING: Instruments processed in a wrapped instrument tray should be placed within the tray in a manner that allows steam to contact all surfaces of the instrument. Do not pile instruments on top of each other as this may block steam penetration and condense and damage. Do not overload the tray. Heavily loaded instrument trays should be processed by high temperature pre-vacuum steam sterilization.

WARNING: Flash sterilization processing should be reserved for emergency reprocessing only and should not be employed for routine sterilization processing of the instrument. Flash sterilized items should be used immediately, and not stored for later use. See ANSI/AAMI S79.2010 and A1.2010 and your institution policies for restrictions regarding the use of flash sterilization.

WARNING: Single use instruments should not be reprocessed.

The instrument and/or instrument tray should be processed through a complete sterilization drying cycle as residual moisture from autoclave can promote staining, discoloration, and rust.

Storage

Following sterilization processing packaged instruments may be stored in a clean area free of temperature and humidity extremes in accordance with your institution's policies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Regulations/Standards/Guidelines

○ Regulations

- A rule or directive made and maintained by an authority
- Mandatory

○ Standards

- Requirements and specifications to ensure consistency and fit for purpose
- Voluntary, but can become mandatory

○ Guidelines, Recommended Practices, Technical Information reports

- Technical guidance, information or preferred procedures regarding a given topic
- Voluntary but with interpretation



Examples from governmental standards and guidelines

○ OSHA

- 1910.1030 - Bloodborne pathogens
- 1910.1200 - Hazard Communication

○ EPA

- Emissions Standards for Hospital Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers
- Chemical disposal requirements

○ CDC

- Guidelines for disinfection and sterilization
- Essential elements for processing flexible endoscopes

○ FDA

- Reprocessing reusable medical devices
- Factors affecting quality of reprocessing
- FDA cleared sterilants and high-level disinfectants

SAMPLE [FDA](#) RECOMMENDATIONS



- Follow manufacturer's IFUs.
- Adhere to professional reprocessing guidelines.
- Comprehensive QC program.
- Required documentation.
- Competencies.
- Quality monitors.

Organization	Standard/Guideline
AAMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST79 – Steam sterilization and sterility assurance • ST90 – Quality management systems • ST91 – Endoscope reprocessing • Technical Information Reports (TIR)
ASGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multisociety guideline on reprocessing flexible GI endoscopes
SGNA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reprocessing of Flexible Gastrointestinal Endoscopes • Infection Prevention in the Gastroenterology Setting • Management of Endoscopic Accessories, Valves, and Water and Irrigation Bottles • Use of High-Level Disinfectants & Sterilants in the Gastroenterology Setting
AORN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning and care of surgical instruments • Guideline for HLD • Flexible endoscope processing
AIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for Cleaning and Preparing External- and Internal-Use Ultrasound Transducers and Equipment Between Patients as well as Safe Handling and Use of Ultrasound Coupling Gel
AAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for the Cleaning and Sterilization of Intraocular Surgical Instruments
AUA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint AUA/SUNA White Paper on Reprocessing of Flexible Cystoscopes

Common reference points

All the major contributors support in principal

- Quality improvement
- Quality assurance
- Monitoring of processes

Clinically relevant & evidence-based practices

Peer reviewed literature

Other articles and research.

Manufacturer's IFUs



QC highlights within guidelines

Recommendations for:

- **Certifications and training frequency** for staff performing reprocessing
- **Process monitoring:**
 - the manual cleaning process
 - automated cleaning processes
 - water quality
 - temperature of detergents and disinfectant solutions
- **Traceability**
- **Risk Assessments**
- **Documentation and quality assurance parameters**

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Quality and safety

Sentinel event statistics released for first half of 2020

Sentinel events reported from Jan. 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020	
Category	Sentinel Events reported
Care management events	165
Surgical or invasive procedure events	131
Unassigned	46
Suicide	41
Protection events	38
Environment events	12
Product or device events	4

Through the first six months of 2020, The Joint Commission reviewed a total of 437 sentinel events. The majority – 372 or 85% – were voluntarily self-reported by an accredited or certified organization.

In accordance with the Sentinel Event Policy, and as required by Leadership (LD) Standard LD.03.09.01, accredited organizations must review all sentinel events and implement risk reduction strategies to prevent recurrence.

In this issue

- Sentinel event statistics released for first half of 2020
- 'Real Voices. Real Stories': Bravo shares nontraditional solutions for COVID-19 issues
- Up in the blogosphere with The Joint Commission

Less than an estimated 2% of all sentinel events are reported to The Joint Commission. Of these, 60% (9,422 of 15,770 events) have been self-reported since 2005. Therefore, these data are not an epidemiologic data set, and no conclusions should be drawn about the actual relative frequency of events or trends in events over time. The most frequently reported types of sentinel events reported from Jan. 1 through June 30 were from the following categories:

- Care management
- Surgical or invasive procedures
- Unassigned events at the time of the report
- Suicide
- Protection events
- Environment events
- Product or device



Checklist for Documentation of Flexible Endoscope Reprocessing

Endoscope (part number and identification if any) and patient identifier	✓
Date and time of the procedure	
Type of procedure	
Procedure and time and beginning of manual cleaning	
Automated Endoscopic Reprocessor (AER) (if used) identifier	
Date endoscope was processed and stored	
Name of person performing cleaning	
High Level Disinfection (HLD) Testing, Disposal, and Replacement	
The results of the HLD minimum effective concentration (MEC) per the manufacturer's instructions for use (IFU) are logged appropriately between each endoscope reprocessing.	
Disposal and replacement if the fluid doesn't test to proper concentration per the manufacturer's IFU	
The results of the temperature of HLD per the manufacturer's IFU between each endoscope reprocessing.	
Disposal and replacement if the fluid doesn't test to proper temperature per the manufacturer's IFU	
Disposal and replacement if the HLD fluid has expired per the manufacturer's IFU	
Repair of Equipment	
Testing calibration of temperature and timing of AERs	
Date the AER or endoscope was sent out or repaired on site based on abnormal testing results.	
Date AER or endoscope was returned to the facility once repaired.	
Date repaired AER was tested for calibration of temperature and timing.	
Maintenance of Equipment	
Date that AER or endoscope maintenance was performed (on site or sent out) based on manufacturer's IFU.	
Date AER or endoscope maintenance was completed on site or returned to the facility and, for endoscope, processed/re-entered into inventory.	
Date AER was tested for calibration of temperature and timing.	
Any investigation, corrective actions, and reporting of failures/breaches.	

*Note: Documentation should be maintained per the organization's documentation retention policy.

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Patient Safety Toolkit: Flexible GI Endoscope Reprocessing

Importance

Flexible endoscopes are used in early detection of diseases such as colorectal cancer which is the second leading cause of cancer death in men and third in women.¹ Flexible endoscopy interventions, such as colonoscopies, allow removal of adenomas, to substantially reduce morbidity and mortality with high comparative effectiveness relative to cost.² In 2010, 4 million endoscopies of the large intestine (ICD 9: 45.2-45.29) and 2.2 million endoscopies of the small intestine (ICD 9: 45.11-14, 45.10) were performed in the ambulatory setting.³ Of these, 47% were performed in ambulatory surgery centers.⁴ This is a critical ambulatory health care patient safety issue.⁵

Over the last decade, numerous failures or lapses in flexible endoscopy reprocessing and associated patient infections have been reported.^{6,7} The costs of these failures include patient morbidity, mortality, pain and suffering, and decreased productivity, and also legal, testing, and treatment costs.⁸

In 2017, the ECR Institute (formerly the Emergency Care Research Institute), an international non-profit applied medical research organization, named inadequate cleaning of complex, reusable instruments such as endoscopes—as one of the top ten “technology hazards.”⁹ In ongoing efforts to address this problem, national medical specialty societies and governmental agencies have developed and refined recommendations and clinical practice guidelines.^{10,11,12}

Program components outlined in this toolkit align with AAAHC Standards on infection prevention and control.

Note:

1. There remain several areas with lack of consensus regarding endoscopes, including:
 - a. Rinsing water requirements
 - b. Optimal time to replacement of endoscopes
 - c. Length of safe post-reprocessing storage period before additional reprocessing is necessary
 - d. Optimal storage cabinets
2. Reprocessing duodenoscopes (used in endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography [ERCP]) is not addressed in this toolkit because of additional issues (pneumothorax) associated with these scopes.
3. Sterilization is not discussed in this toolkit.

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Update as of April 10, 2020: The FDA continues to recommend that hospitals and endoscopy facilities transition to innovative duodenoscope designs to help improve cleaning and reduce contamination between patients, including designs with disposable caps or distal ends. When using these innovative duodenoscopes, remember to follow the manufacturer's instructions for the assembly of the caps and distal ends. The FDA is not aware of any patient injuries related to these innovative duodenoscope designs. However the manufacturers, Fujifilm, Pentax and Olympus have in total submitted 10 reports of device malfunctions, such as removable caps or ends falling off during endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP). Of these device malfunctions, only three occurred with models that are marketed in the United States.

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Duodenoscopes play a vital role in the assessment and treatment of diseases and conditions of the pancreas and bile ducts, and are used in more than 500,000 endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) procedures each year in the U.S. These devices have complex designs that include reusable hard-to-clean components. Failure to correctly reprocess a duodenoscope could result in tissue or fluid from one patient

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Objectives



Discuss the processes and practices for reusable device processing that put ambulatory clinical sites – and their patients - at risk.



Review the applicable best practice standards and guidelines for device processing.



Identify key strategies for identification and mitigation of related risks.

SYSTEM RISKS/CHALLENGES:

- Lack of standardization
- Multiple sites performing HLD/sterilization
- Multiple staff/job families with varied experience/training
- Multiple devices
- Multiple processes
- Variable training/education
- Never an institutional expectation for approval to use HLD/sterilization processes.



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RESULTING POOR OUTCOMES:

- Inconsistent practices.
- High risk when reprocessing performed incorrectly.
- Misses & near misses.
- Poor accreditation survey results.



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Multidisciplinary critical evaluation -

- IP, Processing, Clinicians, Safety, Quality/Risk Management, Facilities, Accreditation, Amb. Care Administration, Supply Chain
- “Get on the same page”/resolve conflicts
- Prioritize change

Current state –

- Survey; but GO SEE - what is happening compared to what should be happening



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Goals



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✓ CREATE SYSTEM-WIDE EXPECTATIONS

- Consider system oversight roles
- Periodic internal reviews
- Administration support

✓ STANDARDIZATION OF PROCESSES

✓ CONSOLIDATION WHERE POSSIBLE

✓ ONGOING SITE REVIEWS

✓ ONGOING EDUCATION

✓ FORMAL PATHS FOR REVIEW, DECISION MAKING, CRITICAL RESPONSE

- Link to existing formal committees: IP, Safety, Quality, Amb. Care

Example - resolving conflicts and agreeing on guidelines and IFUs

Processing consideration	SGNA	AAMI ST91	AORN	Multisociety Guideline
Storage interval after which flexible endoscopes must be processed before use (“hang time”)	7 days	Perform risk assessment	Perform risk assessment	Perform risk assessment
Cleaning verification	Pre-established interval	Weekly, preferably daily	With each reprocessing cycle	Monitor as part of quality program

Resolving conflicts and agreeing on guidelines and IFUs



Review current guidelines for reprocessing flexible endoscopes – wherever they are clinically used.



Have the latest version of guidelines available.



Review supplemental FDA guidance – safety communications.



Resolve conflicts if not in harmony!



When evidence is lacking, expert opinion, independent guidelines, or standards for accreditation may differ.



Always refer to FDA labeling and manufacturers' instructions for device-specific reprocessing guidance.



Accrediting bodies will typically survey for performance in accordance with this guidance.

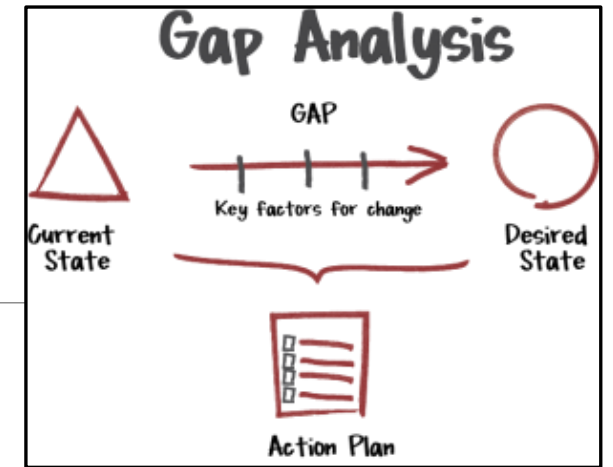
Develop Gap Analysis Audit Tool and Timelines

Can use or modify available templates.

Needs to pointedly be reflective of institution's written policies/procedures.

"Basics" address P & P and assessment of:

- Reprocessing steps
- Reprocessing staff
- Reprocessing equipment and supplies
- Reprocessing OEM IFU readily available and followed
- Adequate physical space and HVAC
- Appropriate endoscope storage
- Documentation
- Traceability
- AER validation
- Frequency of Gap Analysis



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HICPAC Sample Audit Tool: Reprocessing Flexible Endoscopes

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Purpose: Facilities can use this sample Audit Tool document as a template to develop one specific to their endoscopes and evidence-based reprocessing practices. This sample to be used in conjunction with the Competency Verification Tool. Facilities are encouraged to work together to verify competency and audit current practice as well as to ensure that their practices are consistent with “Essential Elements of a Reprocessing Program for Flexible Endoscopes” from the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee.”

Auditor: _____ **Date:** _____

Audit Item	Yes	No	Comments
Precleaning			
Precleans the flexible endoscope at the point of use.			
Discards the cleaning solution and cloth after use.			
Transporting			
Transports the contaminated endoscope and accessories to the endoscopy processing room as soon as possible after use.			
Ensures the container or cart is labeled with a biohazard legend.			
Leak Testing			
Performs leak testing before manual cleaning if indicated.			



Essential Elements of a Reprocessing Program for Flexible Endoscopes – Recommendations of the HICPAC
<https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/recommendations/flexible-endoscope-reprocessing.html>
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AORN Guideline Audit Tool: Processing Flexible Endoscopes [Insert facility name or a header]

Audit Item	Yes	No	Comments/Action
Precleaning			
Precleans the flexible endoscope at the point of use.			
Uses a fresh cleaning solution.			
Washes the exterior surface of the endoscope with the cleaning solution and a soft, lint-free cloth or sponge.			
Places the distal end of the endoscope in the cleaning solution and suctions the cleaning solution through the endoscope.			
Suctions the cleaning solution through the suction and biopsy channels.			
Flushes the air, water, and other channels of the endoscope alternately with the cleaning solution and air, finishing with air.			
Discards the cleaning solution and cloth or sponge after use.			
Transporting			
Transports the contaminated endoscope and accessories to the decontamination room as soon as possible.			
Keeps the endoscope moist but not submerged.			
Uses a container or cart that is leak proof, puncture resistant, and large enough to contain all contents with the endoscope coiled in large loops.			
Ensures the container or cart is labeled with a biohazard legend.			
Keeps accessories with the endoscope but contained separately.			
Processes the endoscope as soon as possible after transport to the endoscopy processing room.			
Records when the procedure is completed and cleaning is initiated.			
Leak Testing			
Performs leak testing before manual cleaning if indicated.			
Removes all port covers and function valves.			
Pressurizes the endoscope to the recommended pressure.			
Places the endoscope in the sink in a loose configuration.			
Manipulates all moving parts; angulates the bending section of the distal end.			
Actuates video switches while testing.			
Maintains pressure and inspects for a minimum of 30 seconds.			
Manual Cleaning			
Manually cleans the flexible endoscope as soon as possible after leak			



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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Hospital Infection Control Worksheet

Name of State Agency:

Instructions: The following is a list of items that must be assessed during the on-site survey, in order to determine compliance with the Infection Control Condition of Participation. Items are to be assessed by a combination of observation, interviews with hospital staff, patients and their family/support persons, review of medical records, and a review of any necessary infection control program documentation. **During the survey, observations or concerns may prompt the surveyor to request and review specific hospital policies and procedures. Surveyors are expected to use their judgment and review only those documents necessary to investigate their concern(s) or to validate their observations.**

The interviews should be performed with the most appropriate staff person(s) for the items of interest, as well as with patients, family members, and support persons.

Hospital Characteristics

1. Hospital name:

2. CMS Certification Number (CCN):

3. Date of site visit:



CMS Hospital Infection Control Worksheet –
<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/surveycertificationgeninfo/downloads/survey-and-cert-letter-15-12-attachment-1.pdf>

Module 3: Equipment Reprocessing
Section 3.A. Reprocessing of Semi-Critical Equipment
Semi-critical equipment are objects that contact mucous membranes or non-intact skin and require, at a minimum, high-level disinfection prior to reuse (e.g. some endoscopes, speculums, laryngoscope blades)

Elements to be assessed	Surveyor Notes	Surveyor Notes
<p>High-Level Disinfection (HLD) is defined as the complete elimination of all microorganisms in or on an instrument, except for small amounts of bacterial spores.</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the items in Section 3.C. "Single-Use Devices" to assess the reprocessing of any item(s) of semi-critical equipment that is (are) labeled as a single use device. Any item(s) of semi-critical equipment that is (are) labeled as a single use device must be reprocessed by a reprocessor that is registered with the FDA as a third-party reprocessor and cleared by the FDA to reprocess the specific device in question. For all items labeled reusable, use section 3A. <p>HLD of Reusable Instruments and Devices is accomplished in a manner consistent with hospital infection control policies and procedures to maximize the prevention of infection and communicable disease including:</p>		
<p>3.A.1 Hospital policies address steps to take when there are discrepancies between a device manufacturer's instructions and automated high-level disinfection equipment manufacturer's instruction for completing high-level disinfection.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to observe</p>	
<p>3.A.2 Only devices labeled as reusable are reprocessed directly by the hospital onsite or offsite via a reprocessing vendor.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to observe</p>	
<p>3.A.3 All reusable semi-critical items receive at least high-level disinfection prior to reuse.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to observe</p>	

Examine Current State of Affairs

Who? What? When? Where?



Inventory information:

- Endoscope make and model.
- Clinical site using.
- Number of procedures performed.
- Location of OEM IFUs.
- Location for reprocessing.
- Equipment used for HLD and / or sterilization.
- Endoscope inventory tracking: in-use versus out for repair versus “retired”.

Current: P & P, Competency records, Guidelines and Reference documents.

Conducting Mock Tracers / Gap Analyses

Have

Have multiple disciplines tour together.

Hit

Hit all areas that use flexible endoscopes.

- Common: GI Endo., ORs, Respiratory, ICU, ED, Anesthesia, Urology, ENT, OB/GYN

Identify

Identify deficiencies in practice as compared to policies.

Ensure

Ensure compliance with all current federal and local regulatory requirements, as well as applicable accrediting organizations.

Processing related documentation



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Training and competencies

- Frequency of renewal clear.

Processing logs

- Can be electronic or paper
- Any gaps are red flags

PMs/maintenance/repairs

- Devices (e.g. scopes)
- Equipment

Management of records

- Reference HR - Staff Performance & Competency documentation policy
 - Processing log sheets:
 - Patient to device tracking (endoscopes, probes)
 - Often an accreditation survey cycle – e.g. 3 years
- Reprocessing completion and quality assurance validation
 - Demonstrate a track record of performance.
 - Example - 12 months

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New risk assessment guide available from JCR

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Risk assessment – or the potential to cause harm – is an ongoing concern for health care organizations.

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The book features:

- Sample risk assessments for each Joint Commission standard or element of performance that specifically requires a risk assessment
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The Priority Matrix

How important is the task?	High Importance	Action: Do First	Action: Do Next
	Low Importance	Action: Do Later <small>(if still necessary)</small>	No Action: Don't Do
		High Urgency	Low Urgency

How urgent is the task?

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- Present and Analyze Results
 - Need ongoing relationship with and support of administration!
- Prioritize Issues
 - Can't/shouldn't do it all at once.

- Change/modify practices where needed

- On the spot
- Through policies
- Through education

- Follow up Improvement Plans

- Don't assume changes are sustained.



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Evaluate Actions

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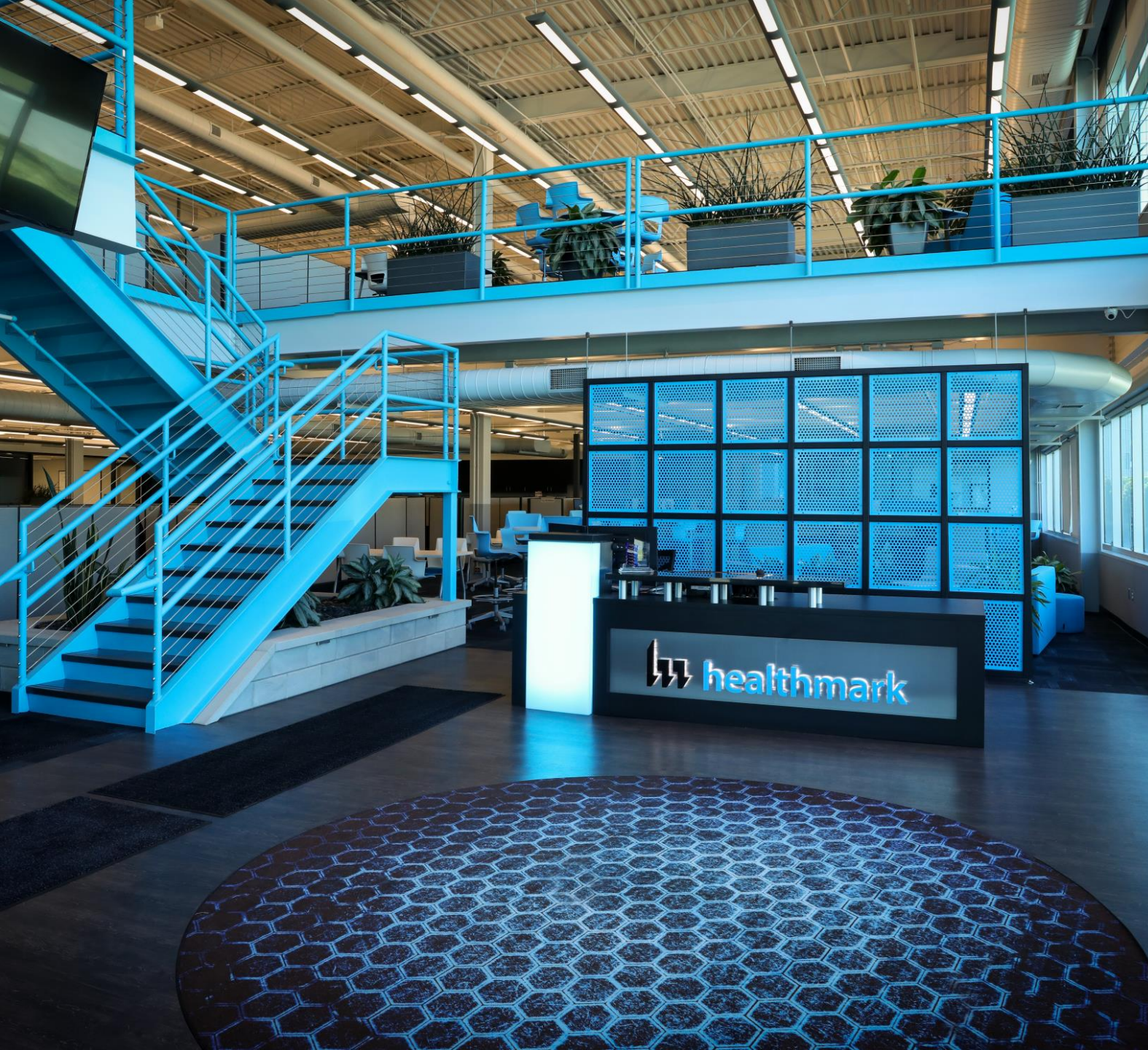
AAMI ST90

Processing of health care products -
Quality management systems for
reprocessing

- This standard specifies the **minimum requirements for a quality management system** that can be used by healthcare organizations that process medical devices.
- It was developed to help healthcare professionals more effectively, efficiently, and consistently reprocess reusable medical devices in order to prevent infections, pyrogenic reactions, or other adverse events.

The path forward





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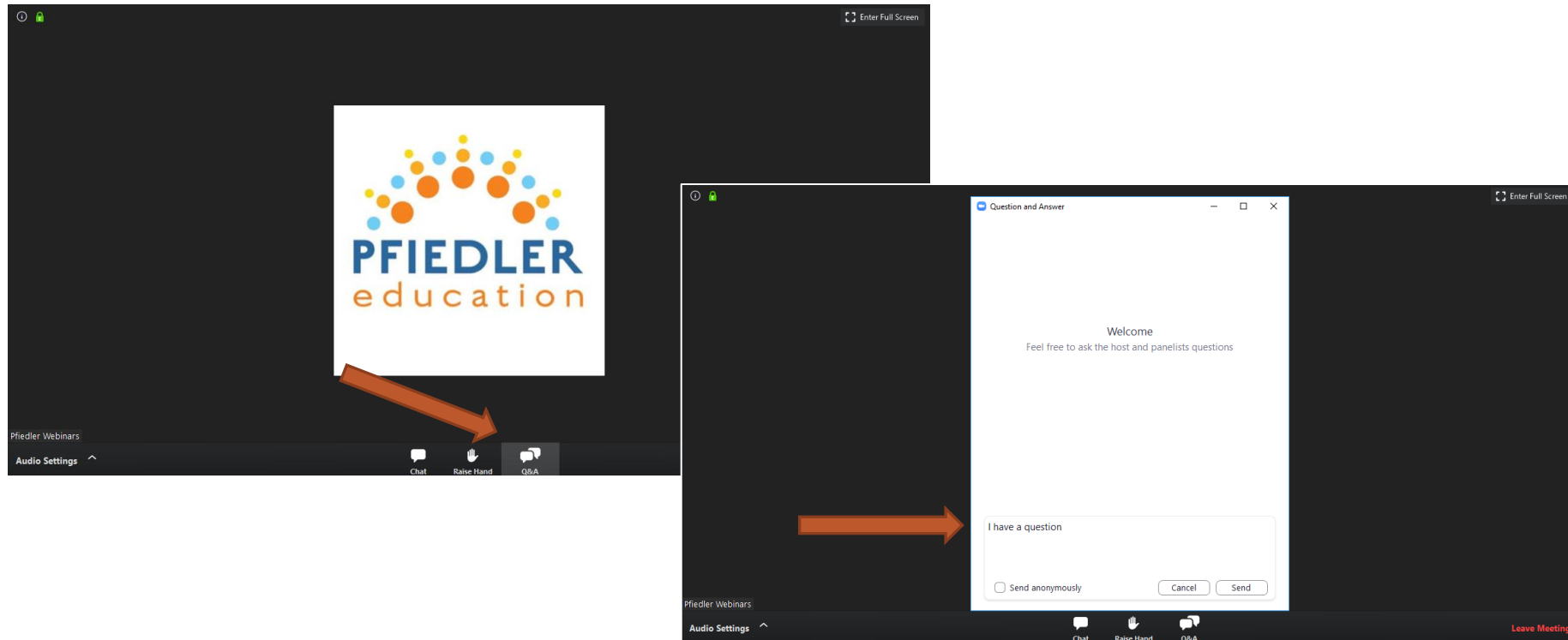
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