



# Practice Briefs

## Are there specific resources for reprocessing of flexible endoscopes?

There are a number of guidelines specific to reprocessing of flexible endoscopes.

Here is a listing of valuable resources.

- Essential Elements of a Reprocessing Program for Flexible Endoscopes – Recommendations of the HICPAC. Retrieved from: <https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/recommendations/flexible-endoscope-reprocessing.html> Accessed 12.7.17
- Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation. *Comprehensive guide to flexible and semi rigid endoscope processing in health care facilities*. ANSI/AAMI ST91:2015. American National Standard. (Recommended to purchase)
- Standards of Infection Prevention in Reprocessing of Flexible Gastrointestinal Endoscopes, Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates 2016. Retrieved from: [https://www.sgna.org/Portals/0/Standards\\_for\\_reprocessing\\_endoscopes\\_FINAL.pdf?ver=2016-06-03-085449-550](https://www.sgna.org/Portals/0/Standards_for_reprocessing_endoscopes_FINAL.pdf?ver=2016-06-03-085449-550) Accessed 12.7.17
- Guidelines for Use of High-Level Disinfectants & Sterilants in the Gastroenterology Setting 2017. Retrieved from: [https://www.sgna.org/Portals/0/HLD\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.sgna.org/Portals/0/HLD_FINAL.pdf) Accessed 12.7.17
- Multisociety guideline on reprocessing flexible GI endoscopes: 2016 update. Retrieved from: [https://www.sgna.org/Portals/0/MS\\_guideline\\_reprocessing\\_GI\\_endoscopes.pdf](https://www.sgna.org/Portals/0/MS_guideline_reprocessing_GI_endoscopes.pdf) Accessed 12.7.17
- Interim Protocol for Healthcare Facilities Regarding Surveillance for Bacterial Contamination of Duodenoscopes after Reprocessing. Retrieved from: <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/organisms/cre/cre-duodenoscope-surveillance-protocol.html> Accessed 12.7.17
- Supplemental Measures to Enhance Duodenoscope Reprocessing: FDA Safety Communication
- <https://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/default.htm> Accessed 12.7.17
- Association of perioperative Registered Nurses: Guideline Essentials: Flexible Endoscopes Key Takeaways [https://www.aorn.org/-/media/aorn/essentials/processing-flexible-endoscopes/files/keytakeaways\\_flexibleendoscopes.pdf](https://www.aorn.org/-/media/aorn/essentials/processing-flexible-endoscopes/files/keytakeaways_flexibleendoscopes.pdf)

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