



## Nursing Service Guidelines Endoscopy Unit

- Title:** **REPROCESSING FLEXIBLE ENDOSCOPES:  
VISUAL INSPECTION**
- Responsibility:** Endoscopy Staff (RN, LPN & Endo Techs)
- Purpose of Guidelines:** The purpose is to provide standardization to ensure that scope is visually clean and free from defects or debris prior to high level disinfection (HLD).
- Supplies needed:**
1. Lighted magnifying glass
  2. Adequate lighting

Visual inspection is done in the scope room once manual cleaning is completed. Rinsing and drying the endoscope is required prior to inspection.

1. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
2. Visually inspect scope for conditions that could affect the disinfection process like cracks, corrosion, discoloration or retained debris.
3. Use adequate lighting and lighted magnification to assist in visual inspection.
4. Repeat manual cleaning steps if debris is found. Then re-inspect and repeat as needed.
5. If damage is found, complete HLD if possible, take out of service and send for repair. If unable to complete HLD due to damage, contact biomed to advise additional steps needed for shipping.

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