

Nursing Service Guidelines for Operating Room

<u>Title</u>: REPROCESSING FLEXIBLE ENDOSCOPES: LEAK TESTING

FOR OLYMPUS SCOPES

Responsibility: OR Staff (RN and Scrub Tech)

Purpose of Guidelines: The purpose is to provide standardization for leak testing of all Olympus

endoscope and identify interior and /or exterior damage to scope prior

to reprocessing.

Procedure:

1. Clean sink

2. Leak tester

Following endoscopic procedure and pre-cleaning. Leak testing is done in Decontamination Room.

- 1. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- 2. Fill sink with clean water.
- 3. Connect leakage tester to air source.
- 4. Turn ON air source and confirm that air is being emitted.
- 5. Attach leak tester to scope and pressurize scope for 30 second before submerging into clean water.
- 6. Completely immerse the scope in water.
- 7. Observe for 30 seconds while angulating the bending section in all directions.
- 8. If continuous series of bubbles emerges from any location, remove scope from the water, and follow IFU per manufacturer's instructions or Guidelines for Cleaning and High-level Disinfecting Damaged Endoscope Equipment to Send for Repair.
- 9. If no leak detected, remove scope from water, turn off air allowing scope to depressurize for 30 seconds.
- 10. Disconnect the leakage tester from scope.

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