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1.0 Purpose

To outline the procedure for the removal of all endoscopes from the Wassenburg Endoscope Washer Disinfector. Ensure all Reusable Invasive Medical Devices (RIMD) sets including flexible scopes are traced through the decontamination process to the service user and ensuring RIMD are checked and reprocessed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

2.0 Definition of Terms

Endoscopes. Olympus and Pentax gastroscopes and colonoscopes, Wolf, Machida, Olympus and Pentax bronchoscopes.


Wassenburg Endoscope Washer Disinfector. Endoscope washer disinfector which provides automated processing of flexible endoscopes between patient procedures with complete validation and traceability of all cycles.

3.0 Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each member of staff using the Wassenburg Endoscope Washer Disinfector to adhere to the correct method of removing an endoscope from the disinfector.

4.0 Guideline

- All endoscopes must be removed from washer/disinfector at end of cycle and stored correctly.
- Endoscopes should be stored in one of the following ways :
 - Hanging vertically in a designated dry and well ventilated storage cupboard.
 - Placed in the hard box lined with the clean scope liners, cover with the green liner and use within 3 hours post disinfection time.
 - Placed in the endoscope extended storage cabinet ready for use for up to 2 weeks
 - Processed into the endoscope vac packing storage system for use for up to 35 days (unchannelled endoscopes) or 100 days (channeled endoscopes).

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5.0 Procedure

- Ensure that the disinfection cycle is completed.
- The operator must enter their ID barcode into washer / disinfectant before the door is able to be opened. The validation / traceability label is then printed. Then open the door.
- Depending on what the endoscope is needed for, either:
 - Don **sterile** gloves if the Bronchoscopes are to be stored into Extended Storage Cabinet as per SOP "*Procedure for Loading and Unloading Endoscopes from Extended Storage cabinet*".
 - Or if the GI endoscopes and the Bronchoscopes are to be processed into the Surestore System as per above SOP or Surestore endoscopy Vac pack storage system as per SOP "*Processing endoscope into Surestore Vac pack system*".
 - Or if the GI endoscope or bronchoscope are to be water sampled.
 - If unloading a bronchoscope that is going to be used on a patient's procedure.
- **Unsterile** gloves are used when unloading the G.I. endoscopes for a patient's procedure - Detach all connectors from the endoscopy channel ports and place the endoscope into the hard box lined with the clean scope liner and covered with the green liner and use within 3 hours of disinfection. Ensure the correct printout is checked and is kept with the endoscope.
- Or use **unsterile** gloves, hang gastroscopes, colonoscopes and bronchoscopes with their traceability printout onto hangers in their designated press and lock in position.

6.0 Reference

HSE Standards and Recommended Practices for Operational Management of Endoscope Decontamination Facilities June 2019 V.1 (QPSD-D-082-1)

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