

Inspection of Endoscopes

1. Purpose

This procedure details the process for inspection of endoscopes following completion of an EWD cycle.

2. Responsibilities

This activity is carried out by staff trained and competent in the inspection of endoscopes.

Management should ensure that the endoscope manufacturer's instructions and this procedure are available and followed. Management should ensure that staff are trained on this procedure.

Management take any required action when a non-conformance is confirmed (PRO 179-200).

All staff shall adhere to Standard infection control precautions listed in **National Infection Prevention and Control Manual (NIPCM)** Health Protection Scotland www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/

3. Procedure

- on completion of a pass cycle, remove endoscope from EWD and transfer to inspection/drying area;
- inspect the endoscope for cleanliness, dryness, and damage using task lighting and magnification where available;
- complete the endoscope inspection record form (PRO 179-90 / PRO 179-550R) or update the tracking system as applicable;
- if an endoscope is found to be damaged follow (PRO 179-60 / PRO 179-520R);
- if an endoscope is visibly contaminated investigate cause, and return for processing;
- log any non con-conformances found in accordance with SOP (PRO 179-200).