

Return of Contaminated Endoscopes to the EDU

1. Purpose

This procedure details the process for returning potentially contaminated endoscopes from the clinical area to the Endoscope Decontamination Unit (EDU).

2. Responsibilities

This activity is carried out by staff trained and competent in the transportation 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 there is a non-conformance 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

- collect the trolley containing contaminated endoscopes (and their transport containers) from the designated holding area as soon as possible after use and return to the EDU;
- ensure that the endoscope has been correctly placed in a labelled lined transport tray (SOP 179-10);
- record the returned endoscope(s) using the tracking system;
- dispose of the tray liners and any single use endoscope accessories and place on the assigned set down space;
- decontaminate the transport containers and transport trolley as per the NIPCM.