POSITION STATEMENT

Educational requirements for personnel reprocessing flexible endoscopic equipment

Preamble

Endoscopic equipment has been associated with many infection transmissions. It is vital that all staff reprocessing flexible endoscopic equipment have a thorough understanding of the processes required to achieve disinfection.

Position

The Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia (GENCA) maintains that all staff involved in reprocessing endoscopic equipment must successfully complete the Queensland Health (QH) endoscope reprocessing package (available via the GENCA and QH websites).

It is also preferable that staff have completed the GENCA endoscope reprocessing assessment, and where accessible, attended the GENCA Fundamentals of Endoscope Reprocessing Course (or equivalent) and any relevant manufacturers’ educational workshops and training courses.

GENCA Recommendations

That all staff involved in reprocessing flexible endoscopes:

- complete the QH endoscope reprocessing package every year,

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