POSITION STATEMENT
Incorporation of NEW TECHNOLOGY into the practice guidelines of the College

Definition
New technology is defined as medical devices or associated equipment that has been passed by TGA, to be used in the manner for which it was designed by the manufacturer.

Preamble
Current guidelines will not always include new products or techniques due to the necessary time taken to formulate and publish new guidelines. The Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia (GENCA) does not endorse any specific product or guidelines and will refer to products in a generic context.

Position
The Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia maintains that:

While all standards are reviewed on a regular basis it is often not practical to review these in a timely manner to incorporate advances in products or techniques. GENCA is not in a position to make comment on specific brands of equipment. When new technology offers viable alternatives or improvements these developments will be included into the organisation’s guidelines at an appropriate time.

All medical devices and associated equipment must pass through the TGA approval process before entering the marketplace. It is the responsibility of the individual facilities/workplaces who wish to adopt work practices which are not included in the College guidelines to determine their suitability for use based on available evidence (for example, TGA product registration, ‘in use’ claims in another country or independently published data).

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