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Subject: Scope Buddy Decontamination Frequency

The frequency of Scope Buddy decontamination depends upon the method used to draw cleaning and flushing solutions (detergent solution or water) into the Scope Buddy and then through the endoscope being flushed. Fluid can be drawn by one of two methods: from the sink or from a clean supply container.

When a sink is the source, the detergent solution or rinse water is drawn up through the Fluid Intake Tubing, pumped through Scope Buddy and out to the endoscope hook-up tubing, where it is flushed through the endoscope and back into the sink. In this method, fluid is continuously recirculated from the sink, through Scope Buddy and the endoscope lumens, and then back into the sink. This flushing method results in contamination of the fluid contact areas, which requires that the Scope Buddy device and associated connection tubing be decontaminated on a routine daily basis, by following the “Daily Decontamination Procedure” located in the Scope Buddy User Manual.

When the source is a clean, dedicated supply container, the detergent or rinse water solution is drawn up through the Fluid Intake Tubing, pumped through Scope Buddy and out to the endoscope hook-up tubing where it is flushed through the endoscope and into the sink. In this method, fluid is NOT continuously recirculated through the complete system, but rather only flushed through once and then discarded in the sink. Drawing one-time use fluids from a clean supply container minimizes contamination of Scope Buddy and associated connection tubing, and enables in the decontamination of Scope Buddy system as infrequently as monthly. Follow the “Daily Decontamination Procedure” located in the Scope Buddy User Manual to perform the decontamination.

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