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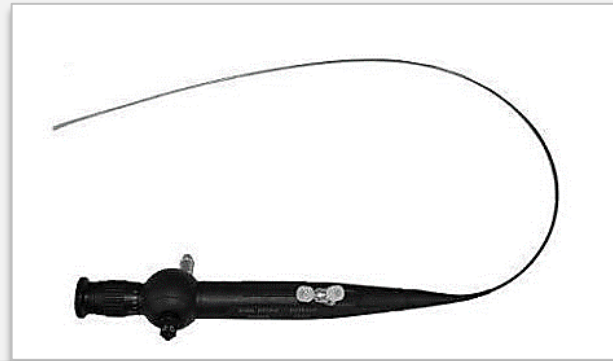
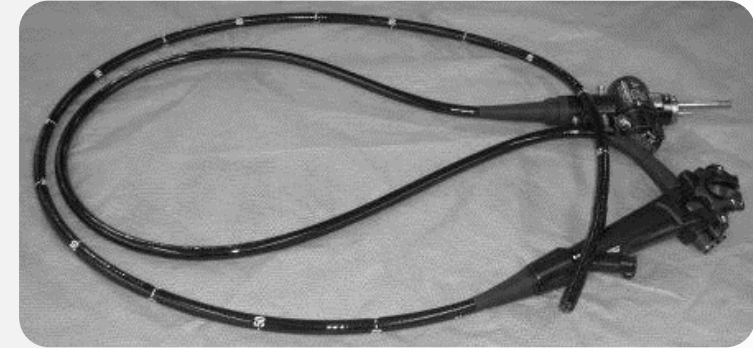
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Scope Anatomy

How to identify Damage

Proper Care and Handling

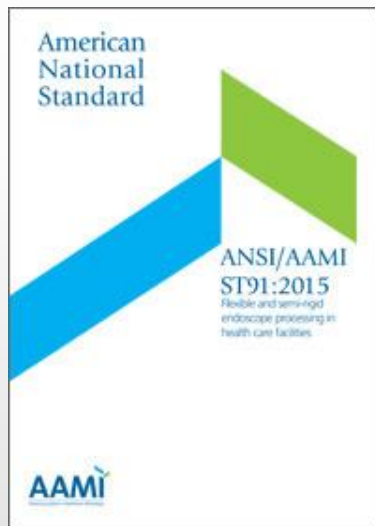


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## Patient Safety

Improper leak testing, manual cleaning or disinfection methods can result in increased infections and cross contamination among multiple patients

Manufacturer Instructions for Use



# The Public Eye-PATIENT SAFETY

## Patients warned of dirty endoscope risk at USAFA clinic

A bungled cleaning procedure could put 267 patients at risk for hepatitis or HIV

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skipped a "precleaning" step.

## CRE on dirty scopes kills 11 at Seattle hospital

A superbug infection (CRE) at a Seattle hospital caused 35 patients to fall ill and 11 to die

## Contaminated endoscopes eyed in 'superbug' outbreak at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center

Deaths of 2 patients in Los Angeles hospital-CRE

## Dirty Endoscope Used at Pa. Hospital

Published: April 3, 2017

Nurse did not follow policies for disinfecting endoscopes prior to reuse.

## Massachusetts-Based Hospital The Latest To Reveal Endoscope-Related Infection Risk

Feb 2018-50 pts contacted-Air/water channel was not cleaned (second scope related outbreak)

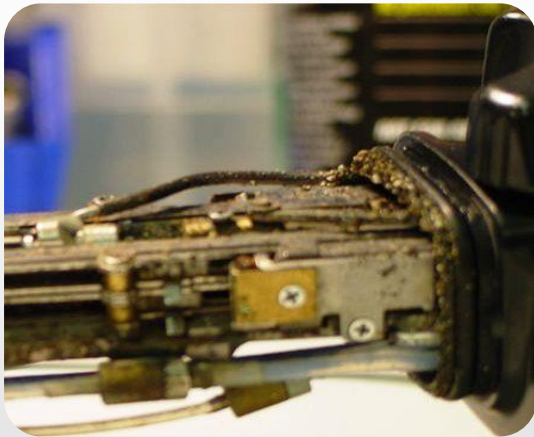
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## Economics

Poor leak testing, reprocessing, care and handling and storage methods can unnecessarily increase repair costs.

Fluid invasion



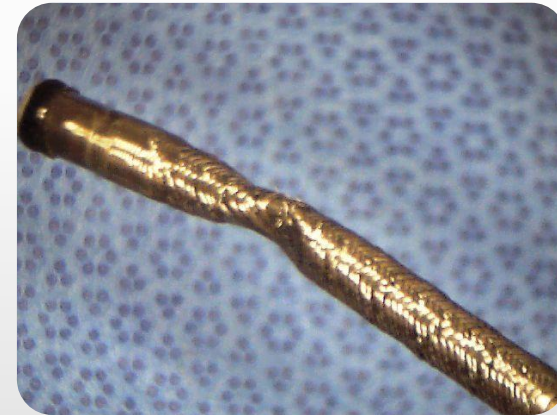
**Average cost of  
repair:  
\$500+**

Crushed insertion tube



**Average repair: \$150+  
Replace: \$4000+**

Crushed bending end



**Average cost to  
rebuild: \$2000+**

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## *Parts & Components*



## **Light Connector**

Connects into the video processor which provides the imagery

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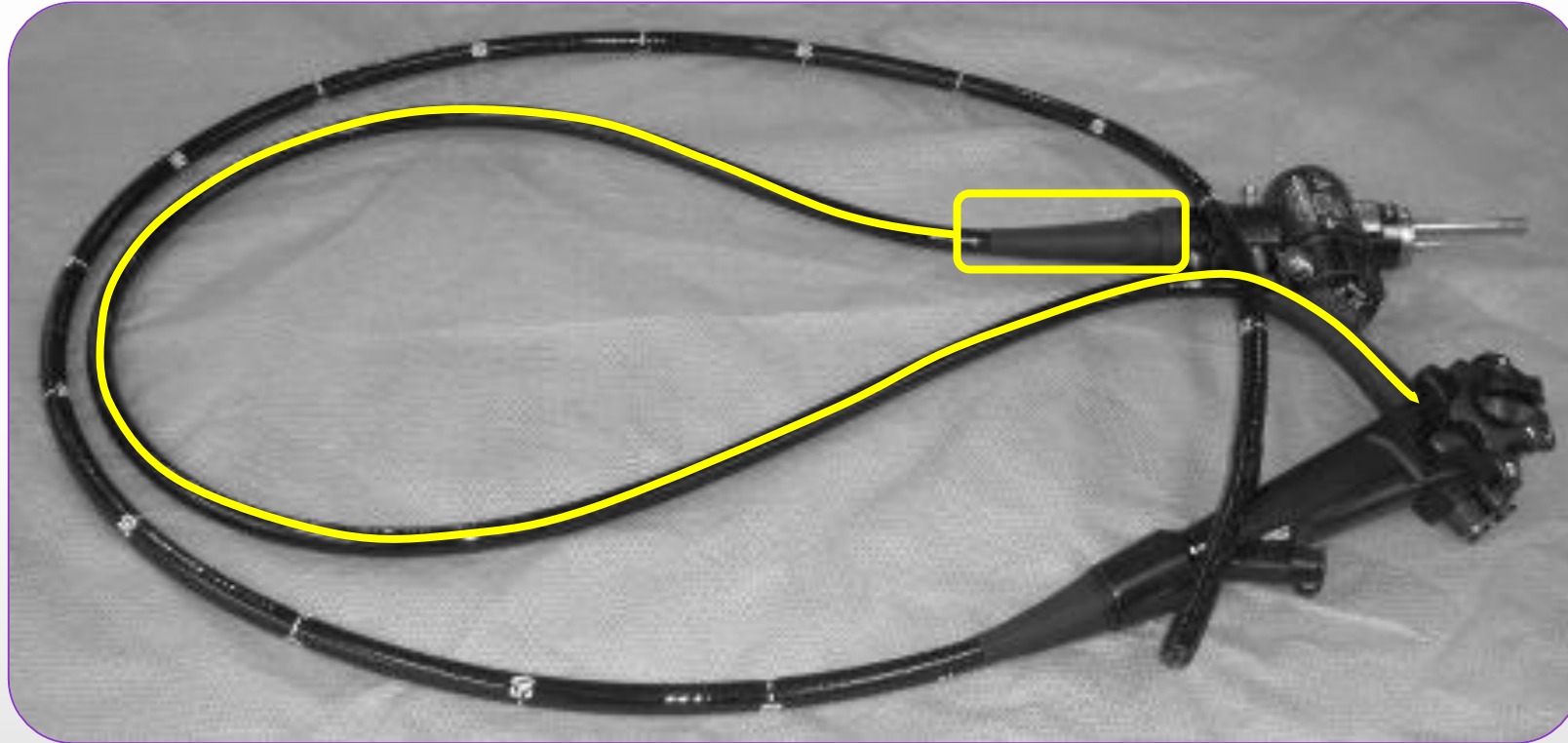


Olympus 130,140,160,180 gastroscopes  
190 series-no cap needed  
All Fuji & Pentax require caps

**Video Connector (with cap)**

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### **Universal Cord/Lt Guide Tube**

Connects to the control body; contains fiber optics, air/water/suction channels, some high pressure irrigation port

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**Control Body**

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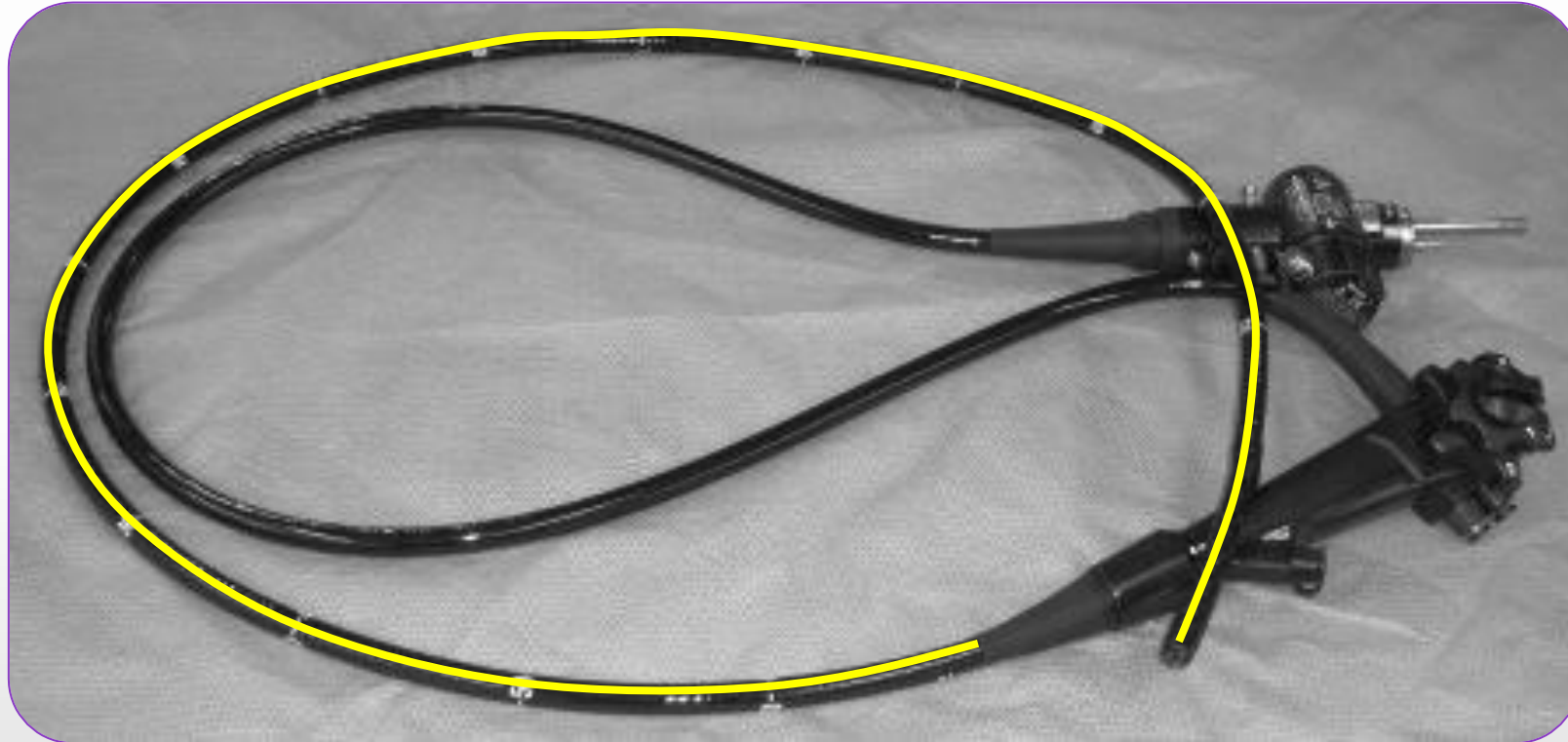
### Instrument Channel Port

Teflon

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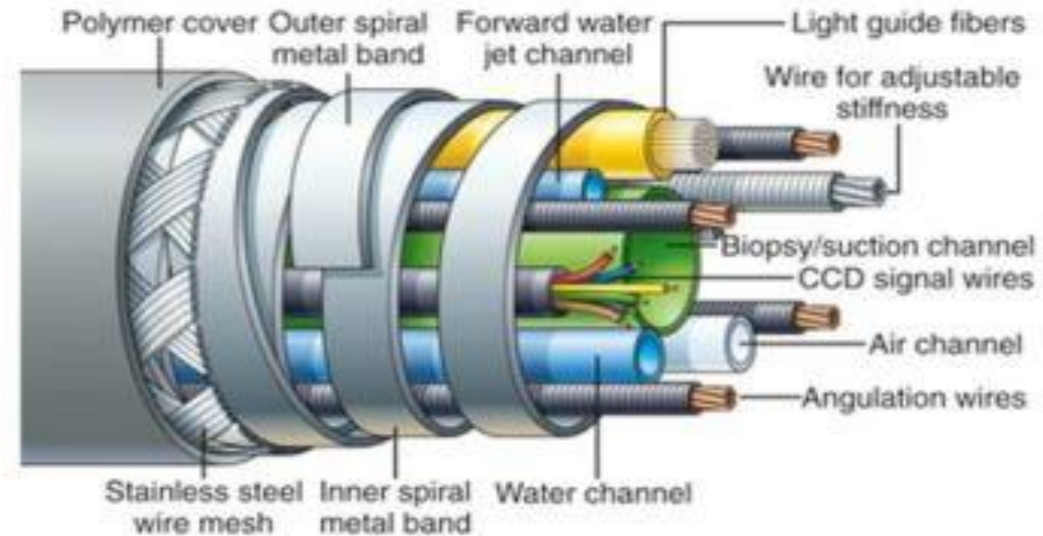
**Insertion Tube**

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## Insertion Tube

- Multiple components pass through densely packed channel
- No bigger in diameter than a heavy duty electrical extension cord
- Outer mesh stainless band surround inner components
- Two outer stainless bands surrounds stainless mesh band
- Thin durable polymer layer aids in insertion and prevents fluid invasion



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## Bending Section

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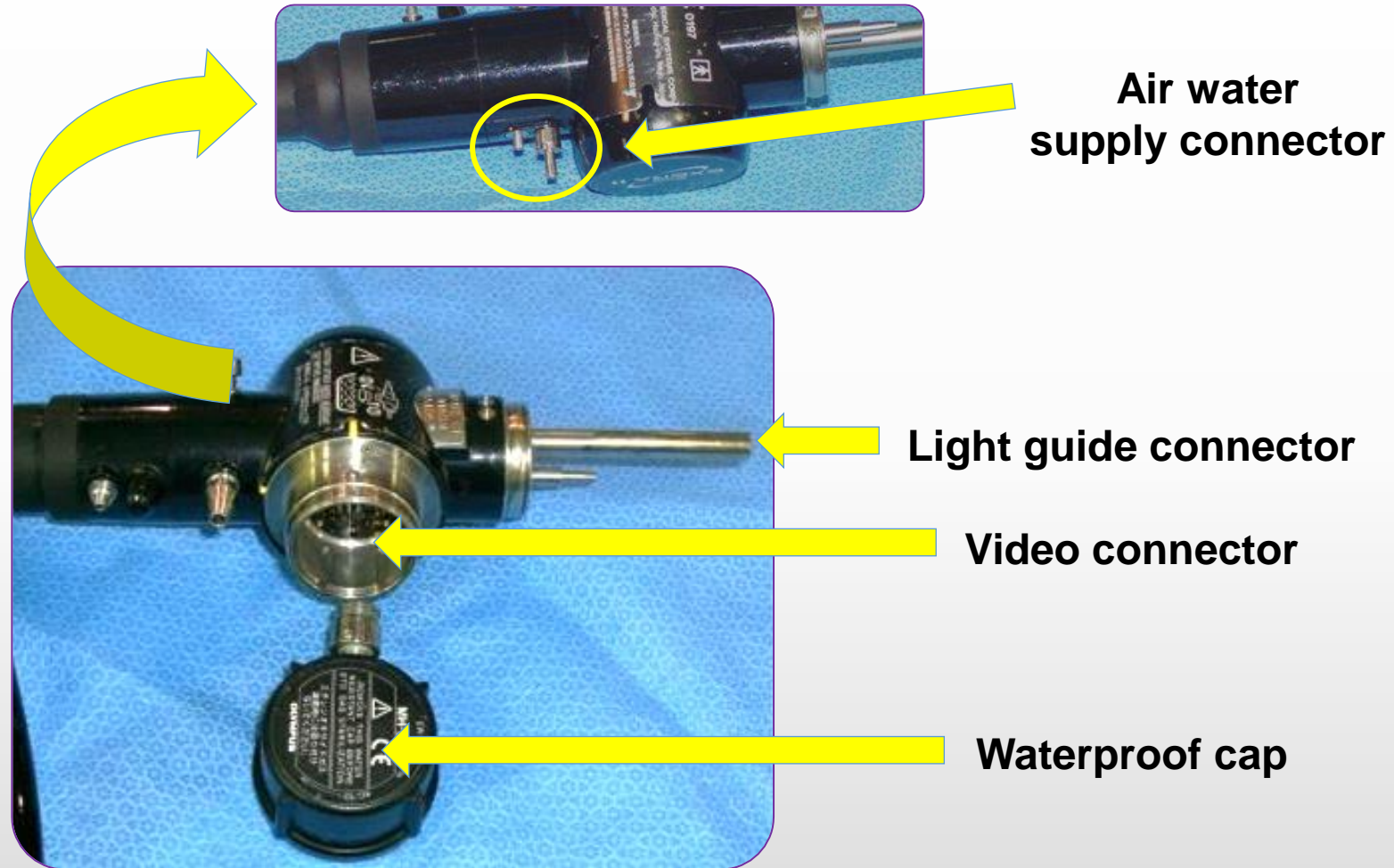
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**Distal Tip**

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## Light & Video Connector

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**Connector-grounding port**

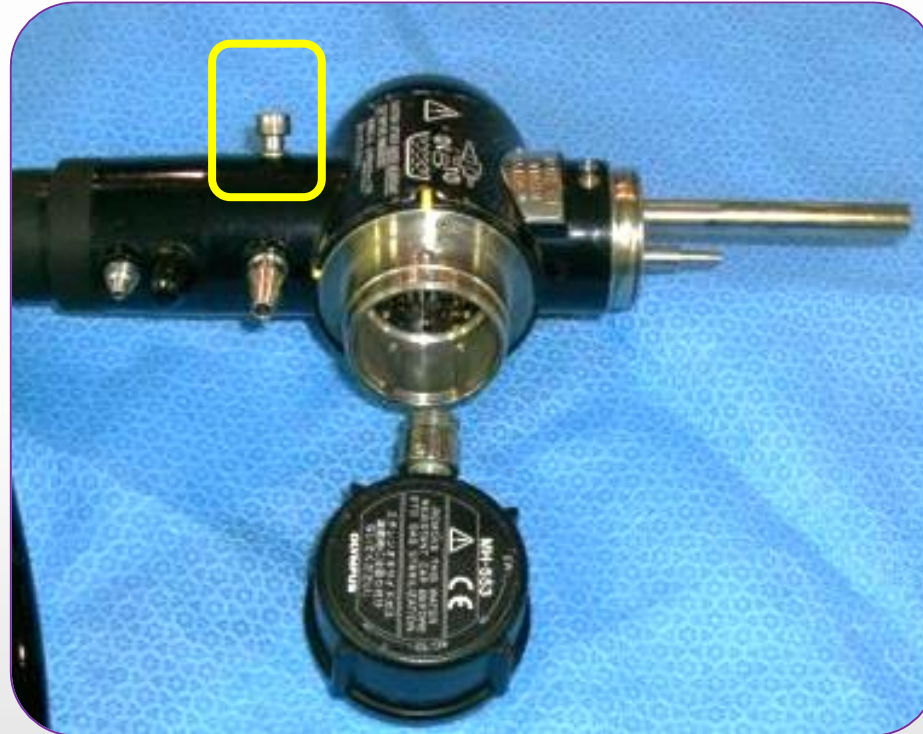
Aux. water inlet

Suction connector

Video hub

Venting connector

Waterproof cap



## Light & Video Connector



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Connector-grounding port

**Auxiliary/water inlet**

Suction connector

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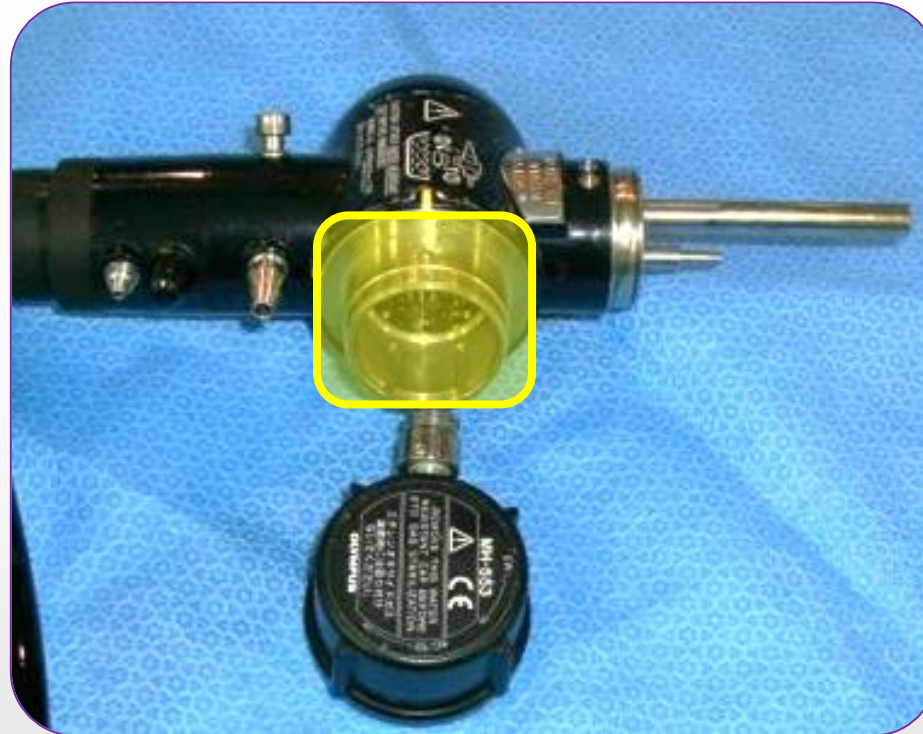
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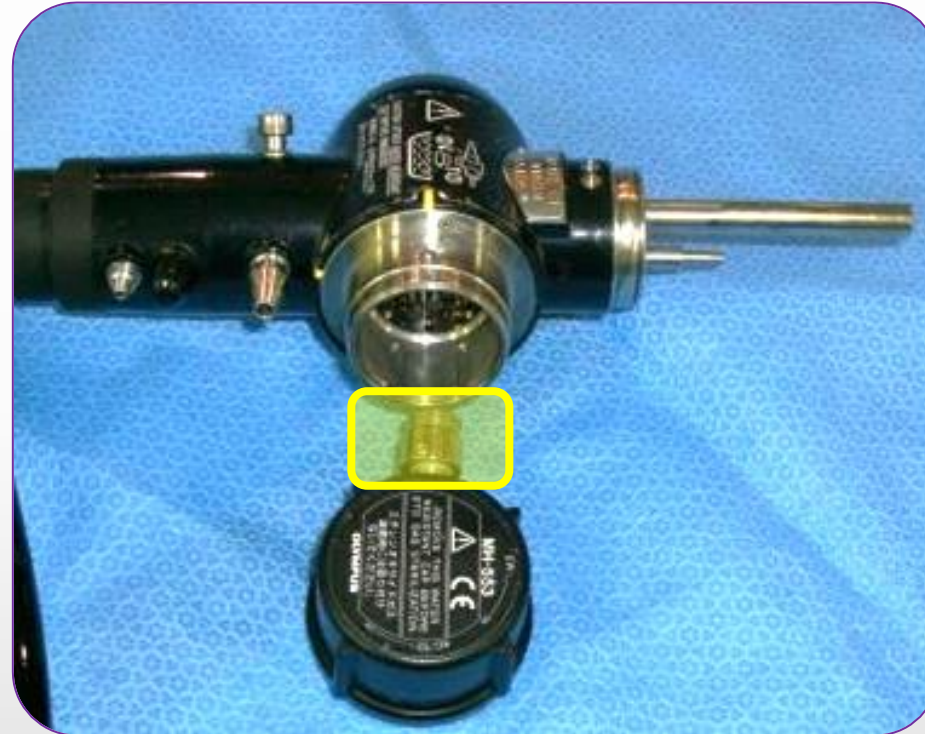
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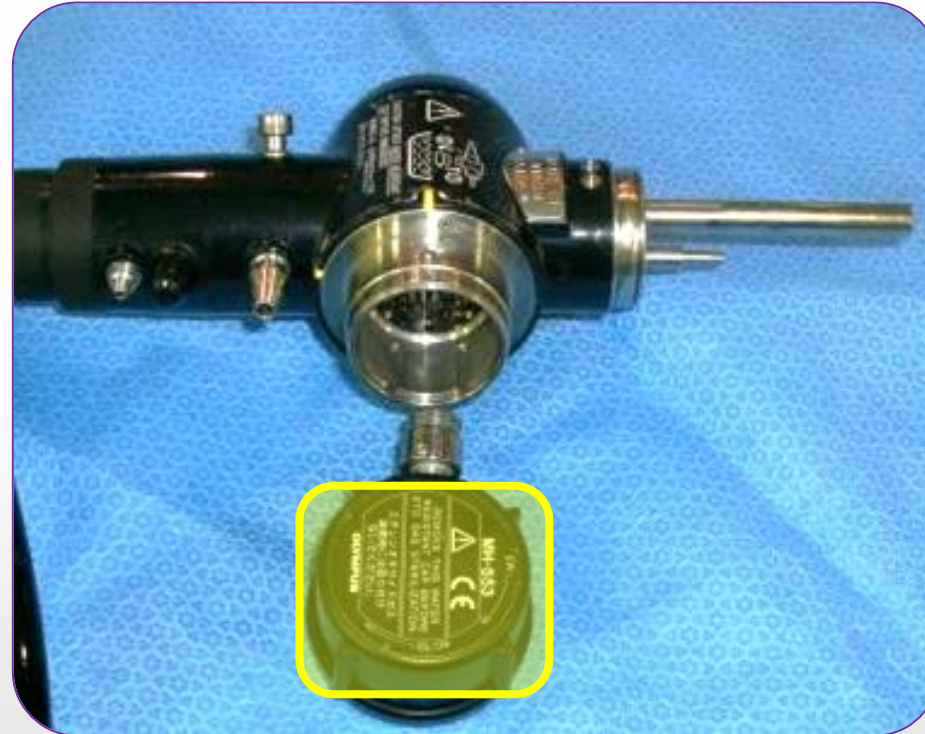
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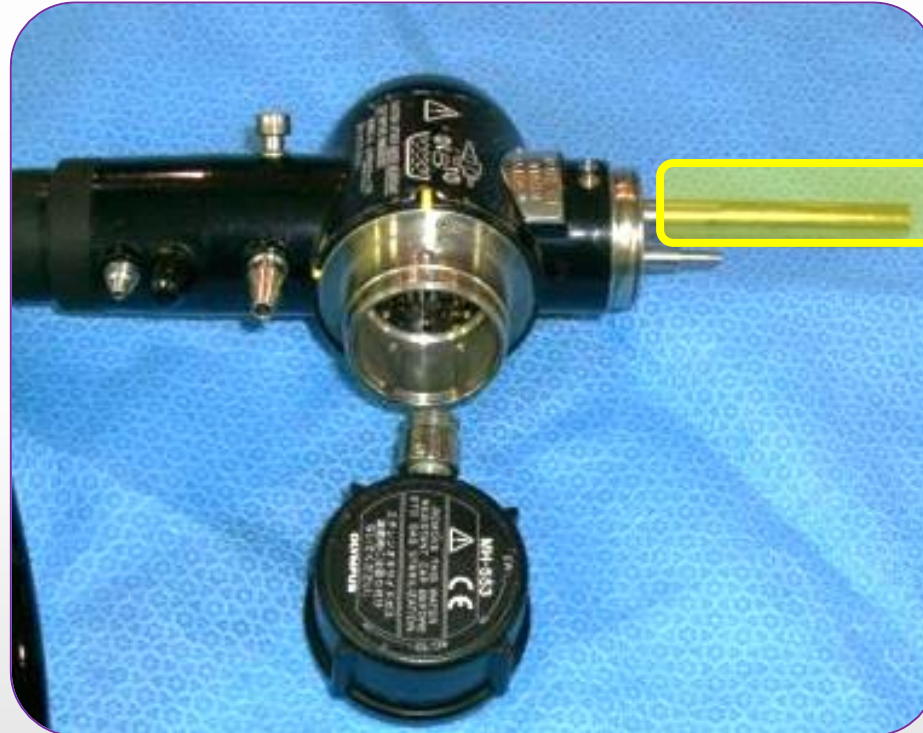
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**Light guide  
prong  
assembly**

Light source  
to output  
socket

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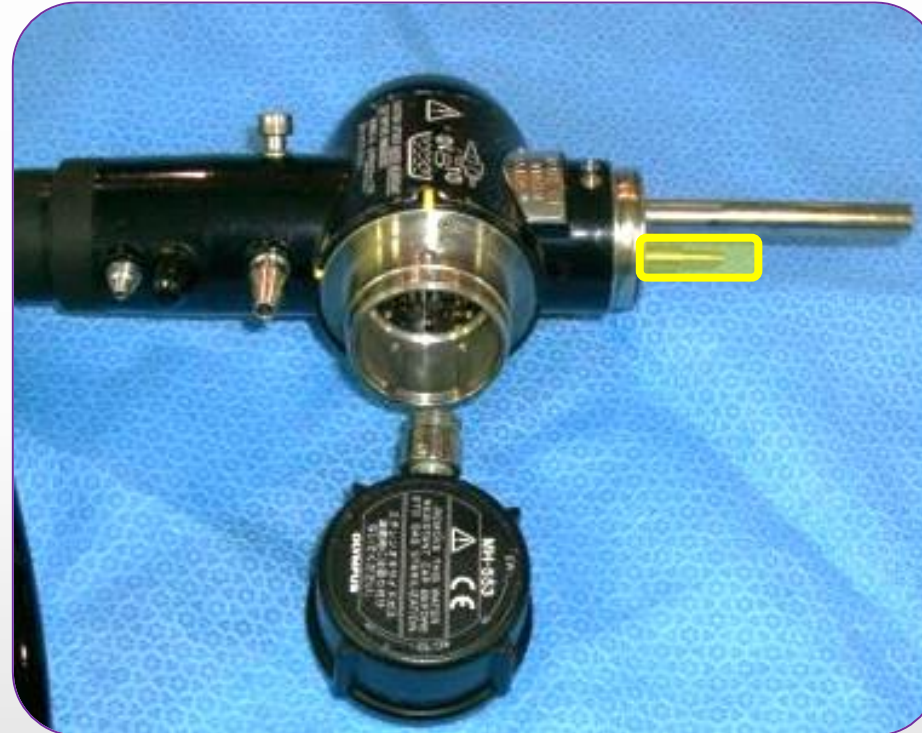
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Waterproof cap



Light guide  
prong  
assembly

Air feed prong  
assembly

## Light & Video Connector

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**Insertion Tube**



**Bending Section**



**Distal Tip**



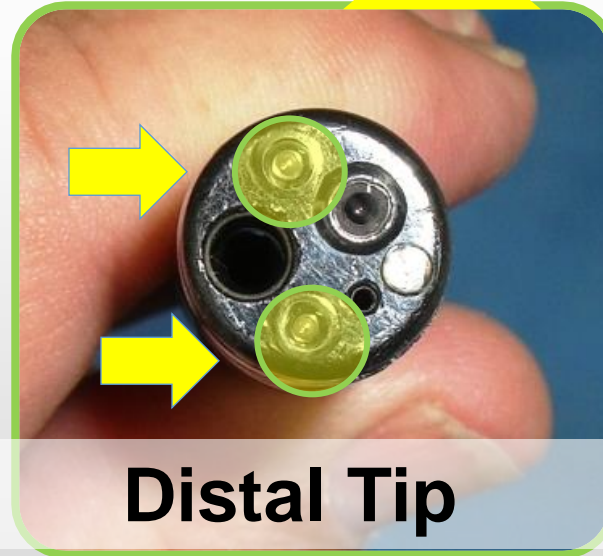
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**Insertion Tube**



**Bending Section**



**Light guide lenses**

**Distal Tip**

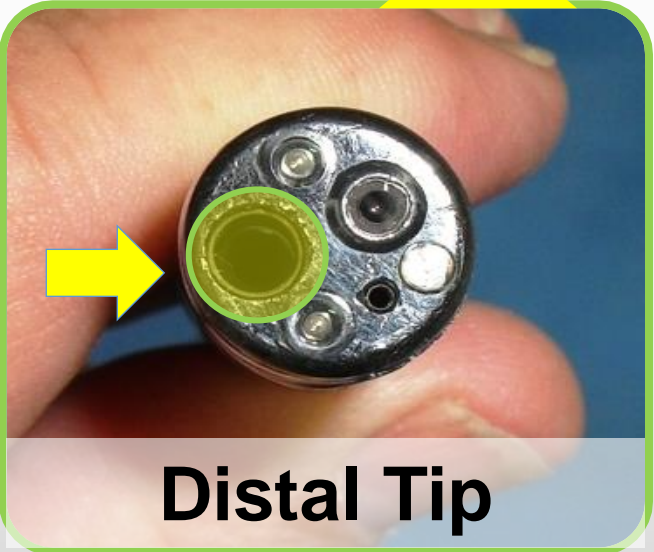
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**Insertion Tube**



**Bending Section**



**Distal Tip**

Light guide lenses

Instrument channel

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**Insertion Tube**



**Bending Section**



**Distal Tip**

Light guide lenses

Instrument channel

Objective lens

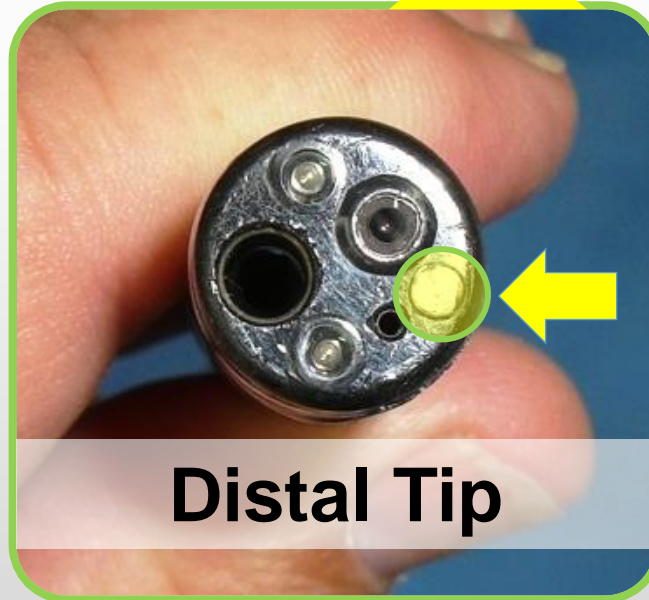
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**Insertion Tube**



**Bending Section**



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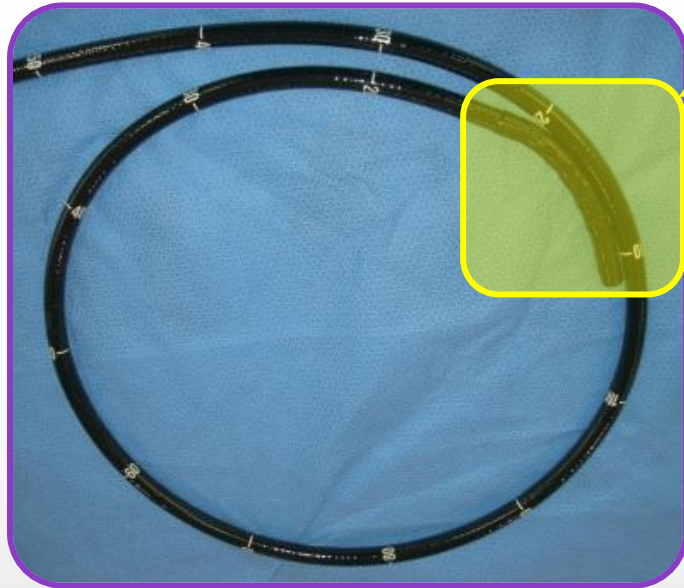
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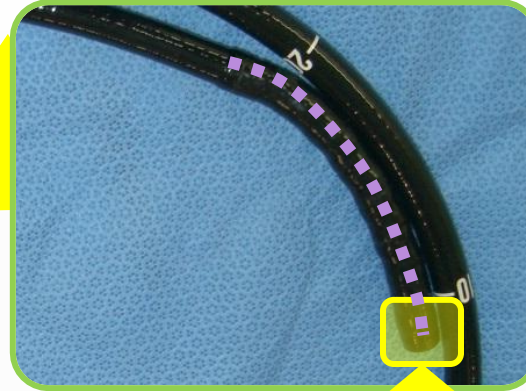
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Air/water channel

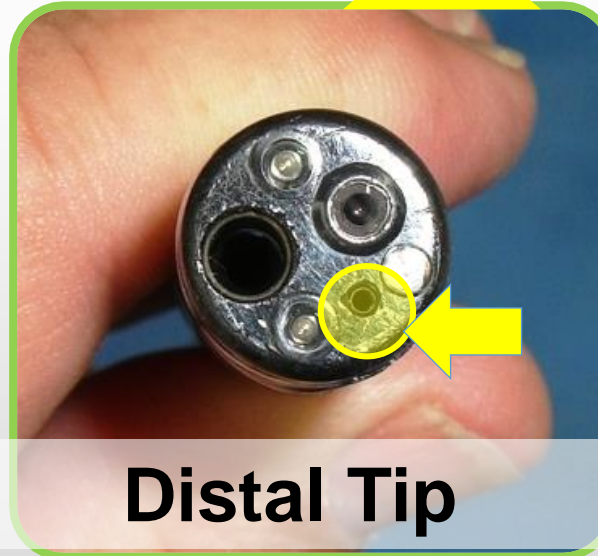
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**Insertion Tube**



**Bending Section**



**Distal Tip**

- Light guide lenses
- Instrument channel
- Objective lens
- Air/water channel
- High pressure irrigation port

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**Instrument / Biopsy Channel**



**Control Body**

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Right & Left angulation knob

## Control Body

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Right & Left angulation lock

## Control Body



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Up & Down angulation knob

## Control Body

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Up & Down angulation lock

**Control Body**

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Air / water valve

## Control Body

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Suction valve

Control Body

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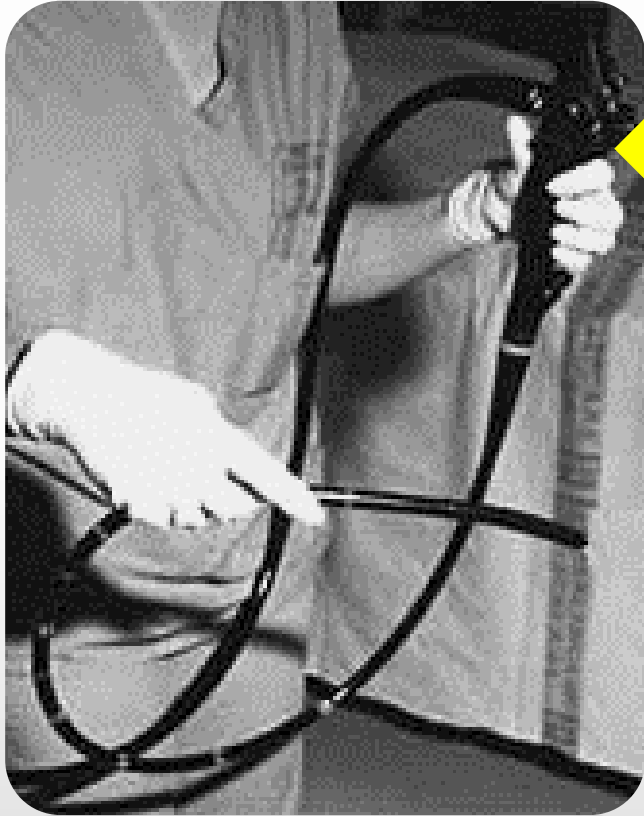
Camera capture / print buttons

## Control Body

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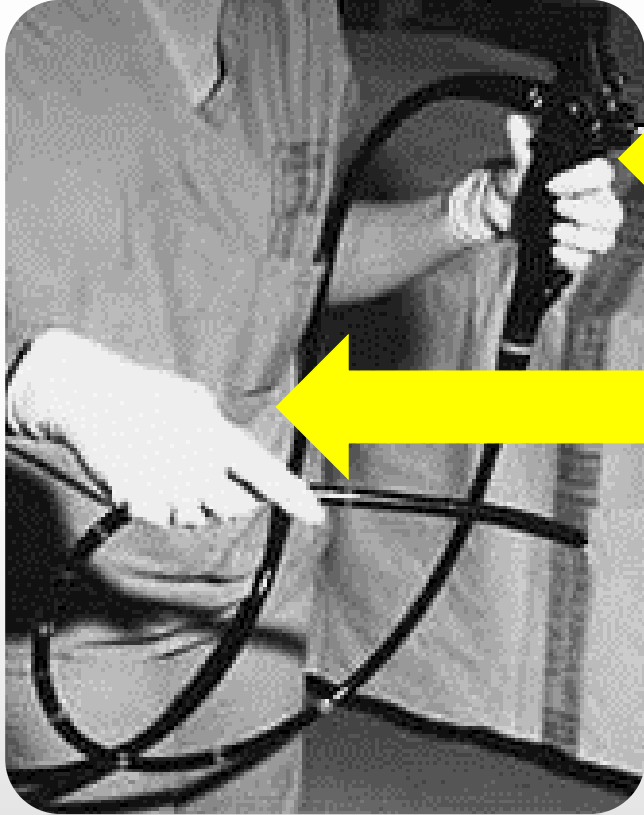


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Start by lifting the ***control body grip*** with one hand.

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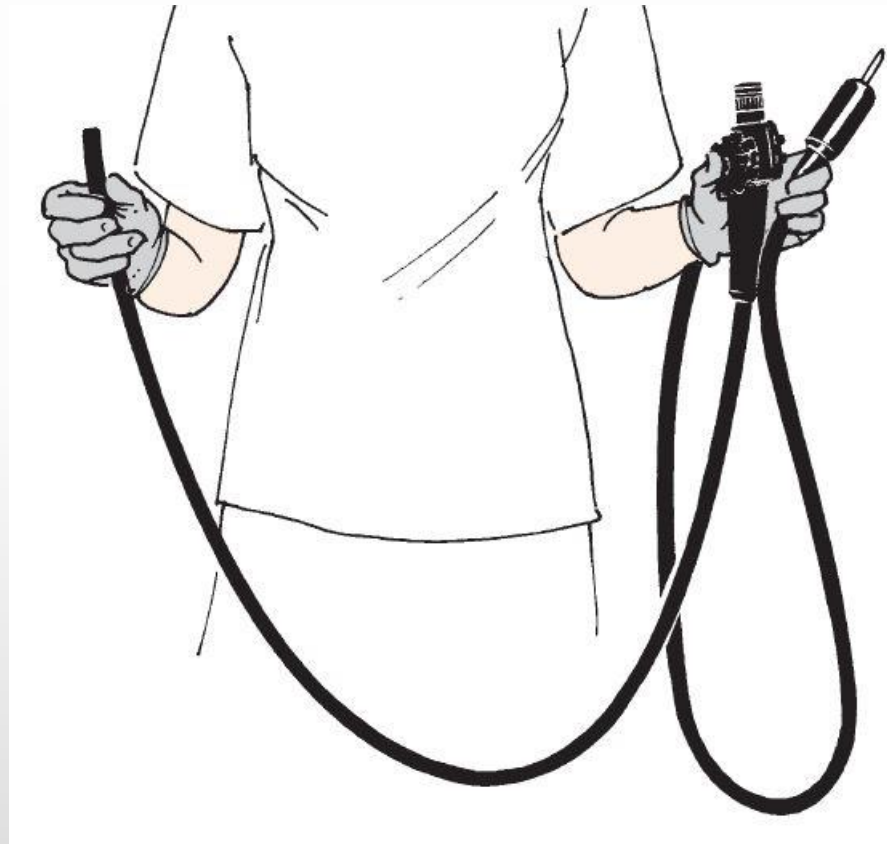
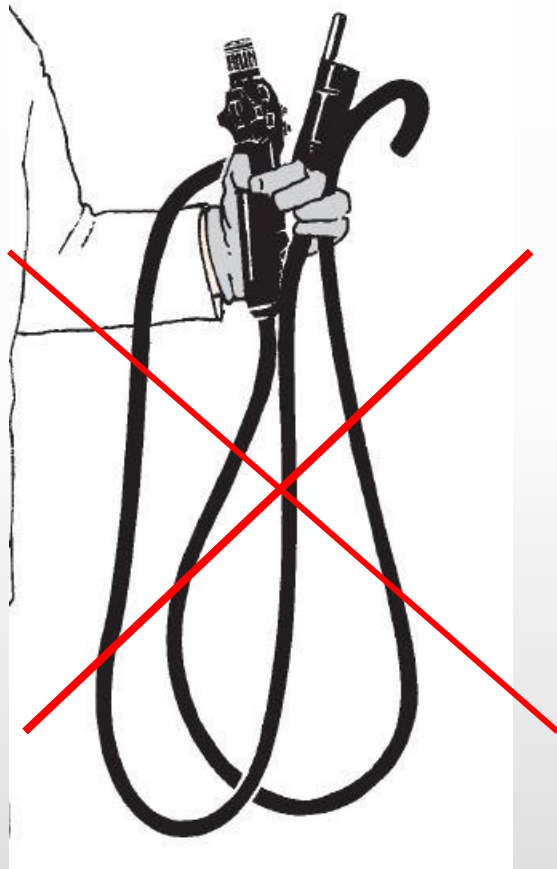
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Then, with the other hand, coil the ***insertion tube*** loosely, being careful not to crimp or kink.

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- All personnel should exercise **standard precautions** at all times when handling and processing endoscopes.
- **Full PPE is required** throughout all steps.
- All endoscopes should be inspected, tested, used and processed; **according to the manufacturer's written instructions.**

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Flexible endoscopes **stored** in closed cases produce a humid, non-ventilated environment; and under these conditions may create an **infection control risk**.



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Flexible endoscopes are *very fragile devices* and should be transported by themselves; (*one scope per rigid covered container/marked as biohazard*)

\*No other items should be placed on top of the endoscope, or alongside during transportation, in decontamination areas, or while in the procedure room.



Small diameter scopes (Flex X2, DUR 8, URF-P6) are **very fragile and unable to tolerate improper handling**



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## *Identifying Damage: Angulation*

Movement or “play” in the angulation control knobs usually indicates an angulation adjustment is needed. This can result in angulation wires that are stretched or broken or an insertion tube that may be compressed due to buckling.



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## *Identifying Damage at the Distal Tip*

- **Nozzles** may become damaged, missing (potential adverse event) or misaligned
- **Clogs** in the air/water nozzle and/or instrument channel from a collapsed channel, foreign body blockage or severe bio burden buildup (potential patient infection)
- **The video (CCD) chip** is a delicate electronic component that will breakdown if/when exposed to corrosive fluids.
- **Light guide lenses** that are cracked will distort the light.
- **C-Cover**-excessive scratches, cracks or chips indicates poor care and handling (hitting on sinks, counters, OR beds)
- Check for any deterioration of adhesive around lenses

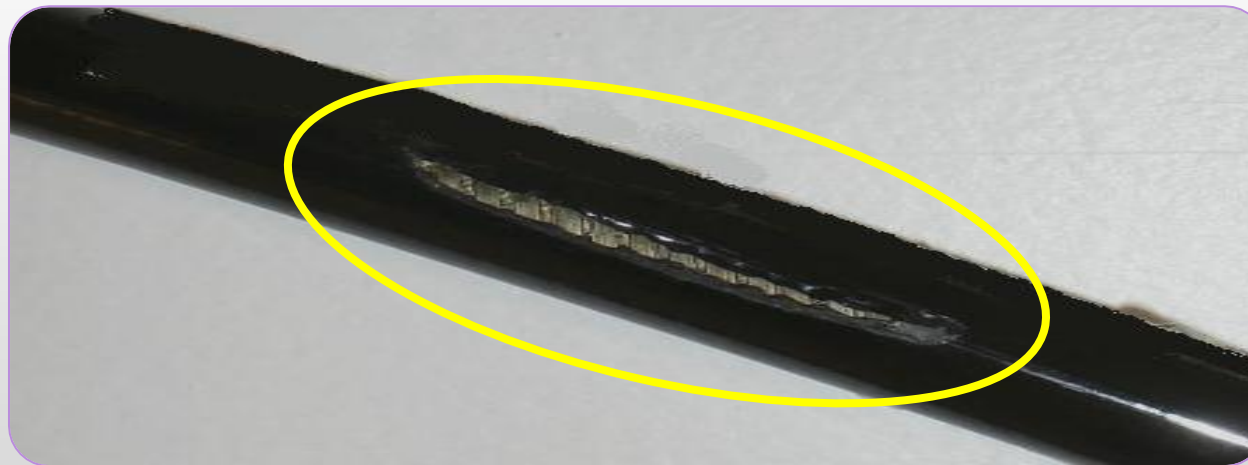
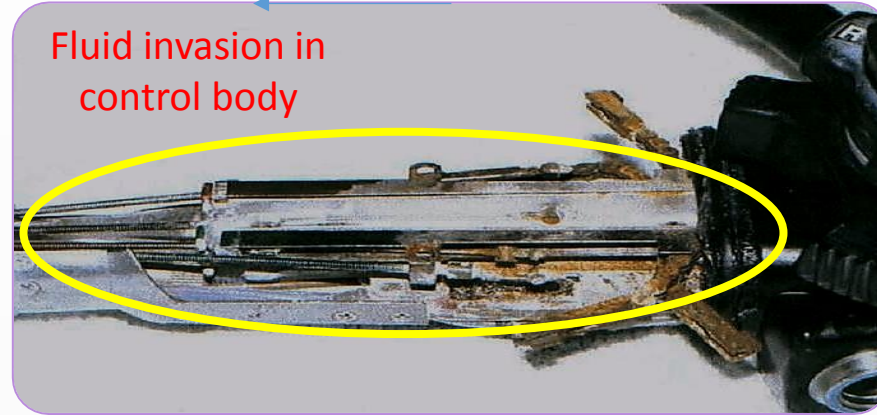


Visual and (10x) lighted magnification should be used for distal tip inspection prior and following patient use.

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- ❑ **Fluid invasion** can occur from puncture damage to the insertion tube, lt guide tube, bsr, failed seals on the control knob, puncture in bx channel, failed placement of the water cap, etc.

## *Fluid Invasion*



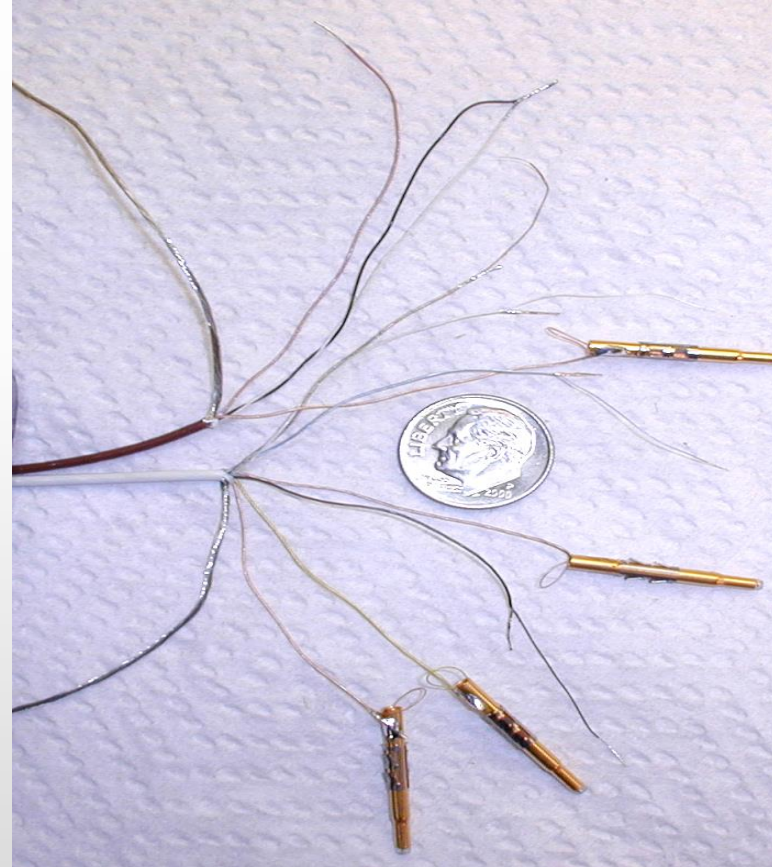
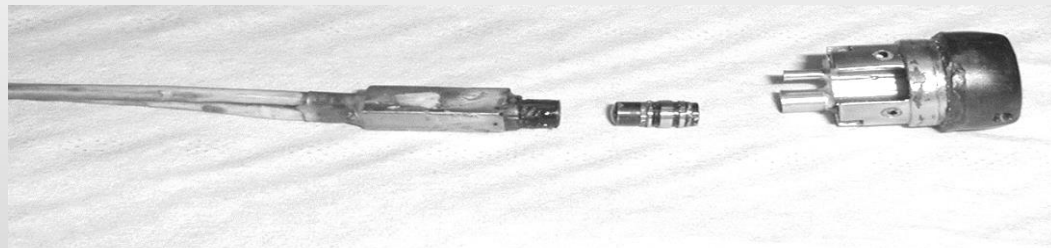
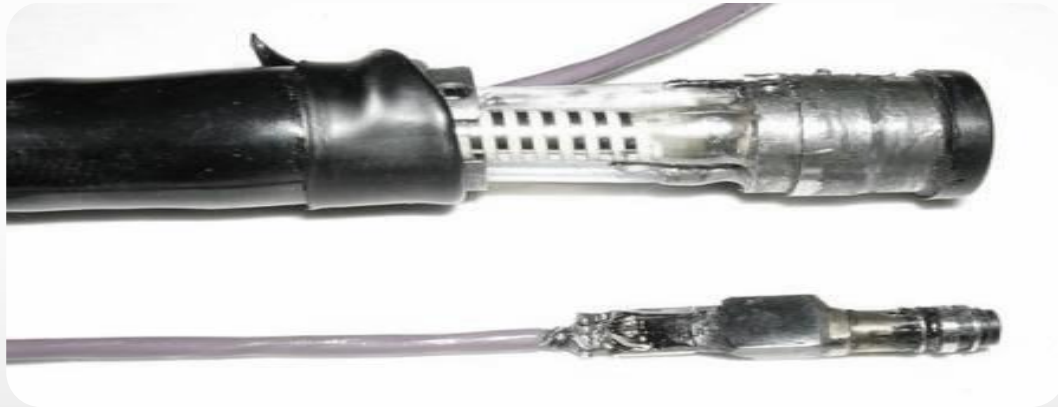
Ocular eyepiece removed, revealing extensive fluid damage (corrosion)



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## Identifying Damage-Fluid Invasion

The CCD (charged coupled device), aka known as the video chip, is located at the distal tip of the scope.  
Fluid invasion-**increases repair costs**

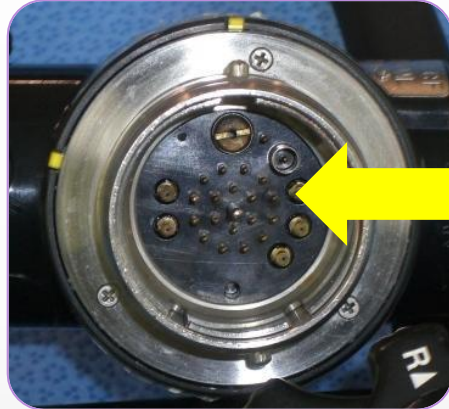


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## *Fluid Invasion*

The video image system **has several integral components that are susceptible to damage from fluid invasion:**



Video hub connector pins relay the electronic information from the CCD to the video connector and on to the video processor.



Never submerge video endoscopes without the water-resistant cap in place. **Doing so can cause the entire scope to quickly fill with fluid.**



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## Buckling



Some scopes have a variable stiffness control, which allows the user to control the rigidity and curvature of the flexible endoscope tube. Repeated manipulation over the boot area can initiate signs of buckling



***Buckling* is observed by ripples/ridges on the endoscope; and commonly indicates internal structural damage.**

**What are some causes of buckling?**

- Coiling the endoscope too tightly during transport-  
✓ (coil loosely in appropriated size rigid container-hold endoscope safely with both hands)
- Bending, pressing down, over torqueing on the insertion tube during the procedure-  
✓ (surgeon/resident is focused on the monitor/screen-may be repeatedly turning on boot area)
- Bending or pressing down on the insertion tube during manual cleaning-  
✓ (holding scope incorrectly-against sinks or countertops)
- Users turning/ twisting the boot area-  
✓ (may occur during procedure and upon aggressive washing-not once/but over time)
- Normal wear and tear depending upon age/and scope use-  
✓ (scope inventory to match your facility scope procedure volume)

**~A preventative maintenance program is important.**

Dear Health Care Professional:

This notice is to inform customers that Olympus has received reports of inadvertent damage to Olympus fiberoptic/video endoscopes as a result of improper reprocessing in a STERRAD Sterilization System. Specifically, Olympus endoscopes were damaged as a result of failure to properly vent the endoscope by attaching the ETO cap to fiberoptic/video endoscopes, or removing the water resistant cap from video endoscopes prior to sterilization in a STERRAD Sterilization System. For proper reprocessing in a STERRAD Sterilization System, attach the ETO Cap to fiberoptic/video endoscopes (Fig. 1) or remove the Water Resistant Cap from video endoscopes (Fig. 2). If attaching an ETO cap to vent the endoscope, ensure that the ETO Cap is rotated completely (Fig. 3).

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If the ETO cap is not placed on the scope during Sterrad or gas sterilization; pressure will build inside the scope and will cause the bending rubber to expand and depart from the scope.



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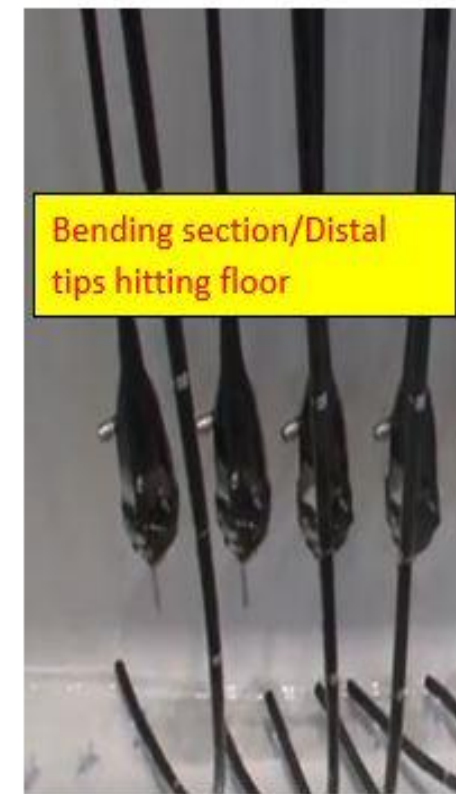
The endoscope should be stored with valves and attachments *removed*, scopes *hung vertically in a well-ventilated cabinet or an approved controlled storage area-safe from potential damage.*



*Dry the valves and attachments and store them unattached and along with the endoscope.*

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## Improper Storage



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**Which 2 are NOT Care & Handling Related?**

BUCKLING TO INSERTION TUBE AT STRESS BOOT

COMPRESSION DAMAGE TO INSERTION TUBE AT  
42CM USES: 978

BROKEN IMAGE FIBERS

DETERIORATED C-COVER EPOXY

IMPACT DAMAGE TO LIGHT GUIDE LENS SEALS  
IMPACT DAMAGE TO OBJECTIVE SEAL

OBSTRUCTED AIR/WATER NOZZLE

DETERIORATED BENDING RUBBER SEALS

Scope leaking from bending rubber.



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## ***Tips For Protecting Your Investment***

- ✓ Sufficient scope inventory
- ✓ Education
- ✓ More handlers increases likelihood of damage
- ✓ Proper inspection
- ✓ Proper leak testing
- ✓ Appropriate reprocessing chemicals
- ✓ Proper manual cleaning
- ✓ Proper HLD/Sterilization
- ✓ Proper transportation and storage methods



# PENTAX IFU/Example

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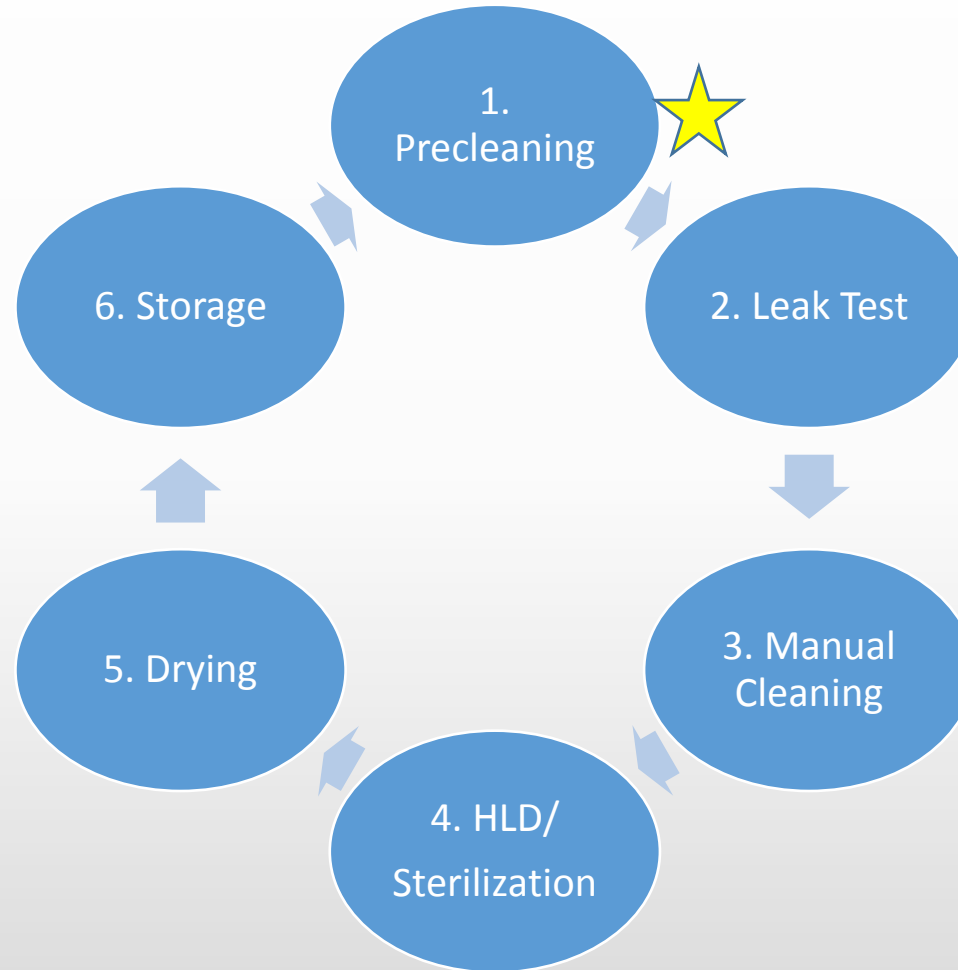
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*All of the steps in the validated reprocessing protocol described in this manual are intended to be performed in rapid succession and as a single, continual procedure. There should be no breaks in between steps of the protocol that are of sufficient duration to permit the endoscope to dry to such an extent that dislodged debris and/or microbial contaminants would be permitted to dry onto any endoscope surface. In the event that drying of the endoscope occurs due to an excessive break in the reprocessing procedure, the procedure should be completely repeated, beginning with the first pre-cleaning step.*

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AAMI ST\_91, SGNA, Manuf IFU



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## *Leak Testing Introduction*

Flexible endoscopes **must** be leak tested after each and every use.

Leak testing will reveal any air leaks that may be present over the entire body of the flexible scope as the test is done while the scope is completely immersed in water.



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## *Automated Leak Testing Units*



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- **Pre-cleaning is an essential step** to remove gross soil immediately after point of use.
- Improper or lack of; pre cleaning with endoscopes, **may result in increased infections and cross contamination among multiple patients.**
- When any biomaterial is not removed *immediately* after a procedure, it will dry and harden
- Hardened material acts as a barrier that prevents the penetration of disinfecting and sterilizing agents that kill microorganisms.
- The result is potentially infectious material still present on the endoscope or in the channels.

**“When delays in pre-cleaning occur, additional reprocessing steps, which include an extended soak period, are required. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for delayed reprocessing of endoscopes”.**

## Manufacturer IFU WARNING



- *Proper care of the device after each procedure is extremely important. Immediately (within one hour) after the completion of a procedure, the endoscope, its removable components, and accessories should be both pre-cleaned and mechanically cleaned with detergent solution. Generally, if these endoscopes and accessories are not precleaned within 15 minutes and mechanically cleaned within one hour after the conclusion of the procedure, dried blood, mucus, or other patient debris may cause damage to the devices or interfere with the ability of the user to properly reprocess them.*

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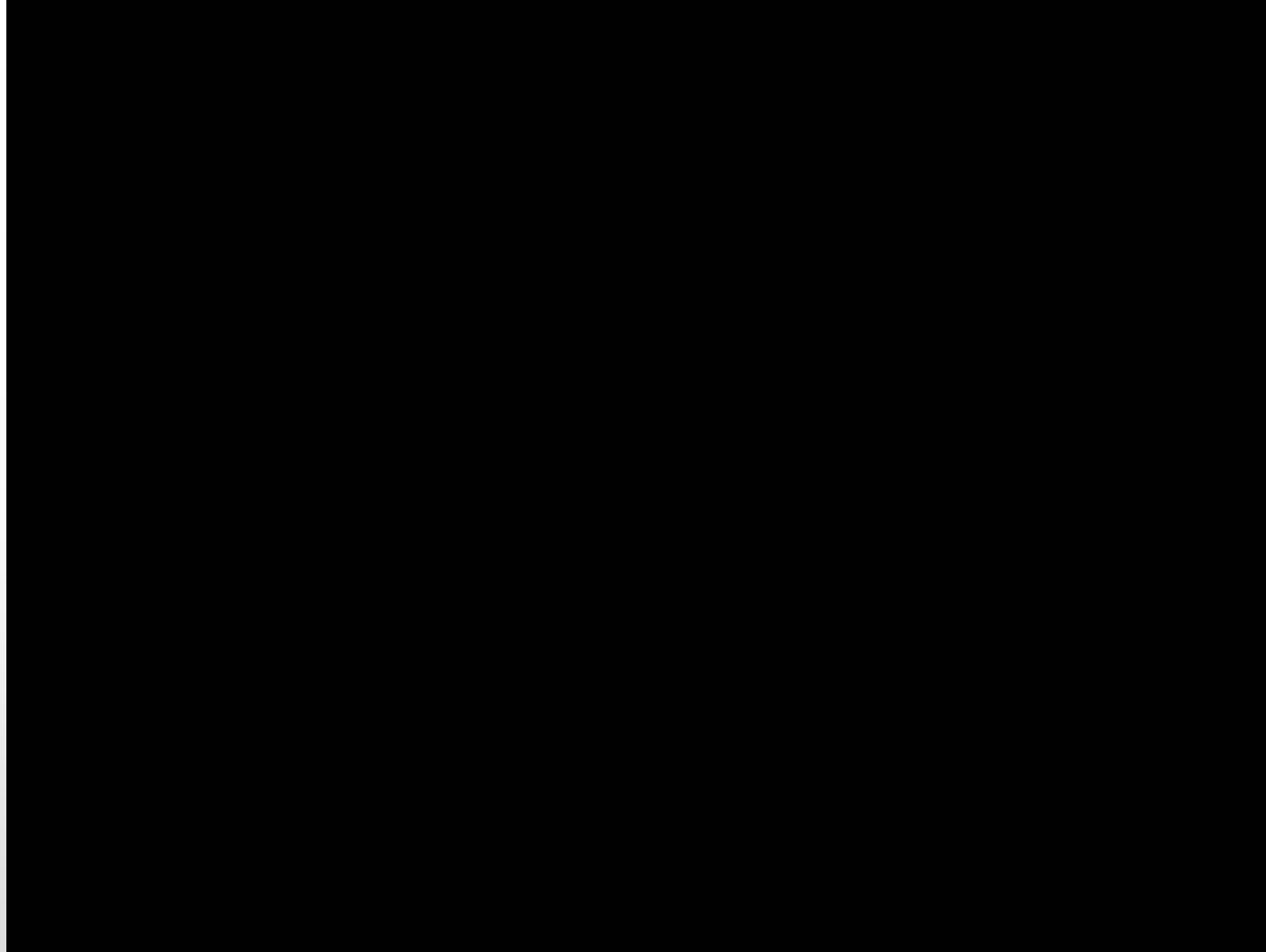
## Dry Leak Testing Equipment



**Hand Pump  
Leak Tester**  
*(manual)*



# Biofilm-Video



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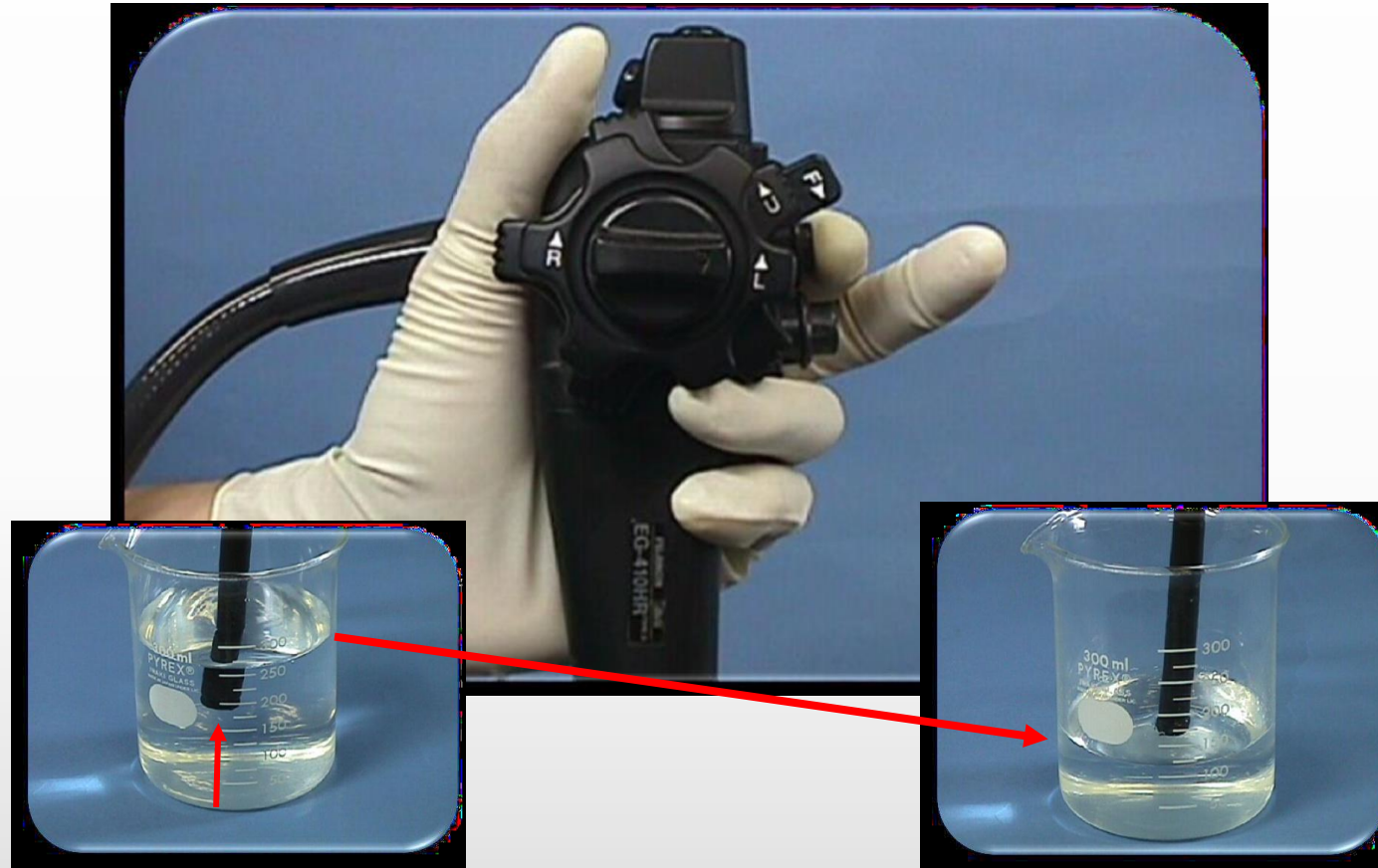
## Pre-Cleaning



Wipe the outside of the insertion tube with a clean, lint free cloth soaked in enzymatic solution.

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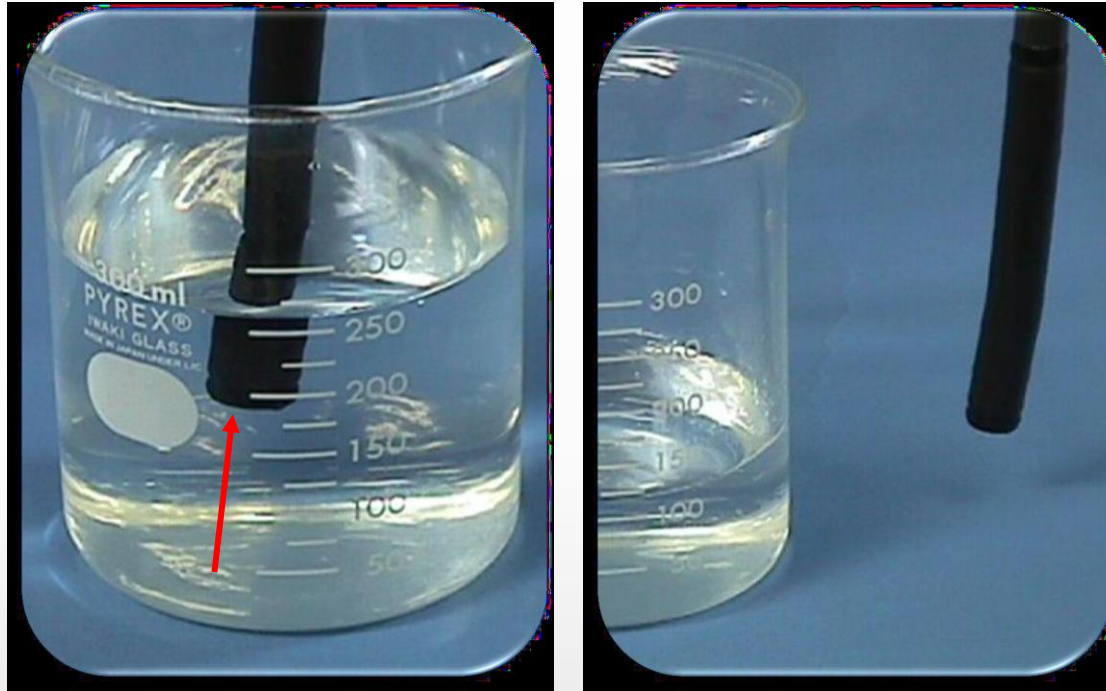


Press suction button to test suction

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Alternate between enzymatic solution and air -aspirating until flow is clear.

Each manufacturer IFU will have their own specific precleaning protocol



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Which method is the *appropriate* transportation based on the guidelines?



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- Transport one scope at a time separate from instrumentation or other accessories.
- loosely coiled with no sharp bends.



## Per SGNA Standards:

Containers should be large enough to prevent damage to the endoscope

Transport the soiled endoscope to the reprocessing area in a closed container that prevents exposing staff, patients, or the environment to potentially infectious organisms.

The transport container must be labeled to indicate biohazardous contents

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## *Leak Testing and Common Misconceptions*

A leak is **NOT** always in the form of a steady stream of bubbles. We may also receive a leak “anywhere” on the scope ( a leak is not always on the bending section or distal tip) A leaking scope can emit bubbles consistent with any one of the following types:

- **Steady stream of bubbles**
- **Slow forming bubbles**
- **Periodically forming bubbles**

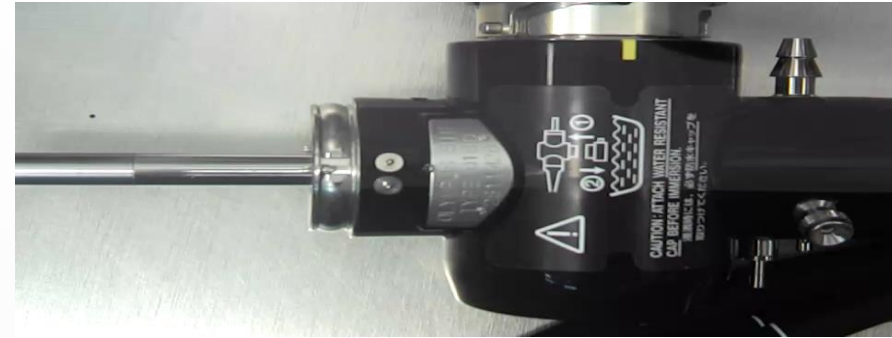
If there are static bubbles present on the scope, wipe them away and ensure that the bubbles do not reform in the same spot.

**A bubble that reforms indicates a possible leak.**

# Video

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## AAMI ST\_91 Guidelines

- c) Attach the leak tester.
- d) Turn the air compressor on and pressurize the endoscope.
- e) Establish pressurization by confirming that the bending rubber has expanded.
- f) Place the endoscope in a loose configuration in a large sink with a sufficient volume of clean water to completely immerse it.
- g) Completely flush all channels with water to remove trapped air.
- h) Gently rotate each directional knob and elevator control, looking for bubbles at the bending rubber as well as at the knobs.
- i) Massage video or remote switches in a circular manner to challenge the integrity of these components while looking for bubbles.
- j) Manipulate the insertion tube and light guide tube, if applicable, to uncover hidden leaks due to the position of the coiled endoscope.
- k) Perform a complete visual inspection of the endoscope for leaks. If static bubbles are attached to the endoscope, brush them away and inspect to ensure that bubbles do not return.
- l) Maintain pressure and inspection for a minimum of 30 seconds.
- m) Remove the entire endoscope from the test water.
- n) Stop pressurization by turning off the air supply.
- o) According to the manufacturer's written IFU, remove the leak tester from the air compressor and listen for the sound of evacuated air.
- p) If the endoscope is water tight, proceed with cleaning and disinfection processes.
- q) Document outcome of leak test.

## Care & Handling of Flexible Endoscopes

### *Leak Testing Recommended Practices*

- 1** Fill the sink with clean, clear water



Is the sink marked?

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## ***Leak Testing Recommended***

**1**

Fill the sink with clean, clear water



**2**

Remove all valves and biopsy cap from the endoscope



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## *Leak Testing Recommended Practices*

- 1** Fill the sink with clean, clear water



- 2** Remove all valves and biopsy cap from the endoscope



- 3** Connect endoscope to leakage tester and pressurize before submerging in water



*\*How can we ensure the leak tester is working properly?*

*\* Tubing dry?*

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**4** Completely submerge endoscope

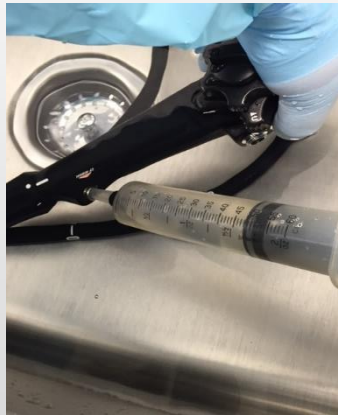


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**4** Completely submerge endoscope



**5** Flush all channel lumens with a syringe of clean water **until all air is removed**



# Care & Handling of Flexible Endoscopes

**4** Completely submerge endoscope



**5** Flush all channel lumens with a syringe of clean water **until all air is removed**



**6** Manipulate control knobs



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7

Carefully inspect articulating section and control knob area for bubbles



\*A leak can occur *anywhere* on an endoscope

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8

Carefully inspect articulating section and control knob area for bubbles



9

For video endoscopes: depress video switch pads and inspect for leaks or damage



# Care & Handling of Flexible Endoscopes

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Carefully inspect articulating section and control knob area for bubbles



8

For video endoscopes: depress video switch pads and inspect for leaks or damage



9

Gently manipulate the insertion tube and light guide tube and check for bubbles

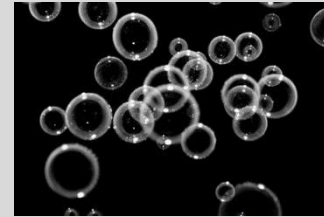


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10

Perform a complete visual inspection of the endoscope checking for bubbles- *for at least 30 seconds*



If there are static bubbles present on the scope, wipe them away and ensure that the bubbles do not reform in the same spot. **A bubble that reforms indicates a possible leak.**

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10

Perform a complete visual inspection of the endoscope checking for bubbles- for at least 30 seconds



11

If scope passes leak test, remove scope from water and depressurize

## Care & Handling of Flexible Endoscopes

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10

Perform complete visual inspection of endoscope for bubbles for at least 30 seconds



11

If scope passes leak test, remove scope from water and depressurize

12

Disconnect scope from leak tester

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**13**

If scope fails the leak test, *keep the scope pressurized keeping connected to the leak tester*

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**13**

If scope fails the leak test, *keep the scope pressurized and connected to the leak tester*

**14**

Proceed with the following manual cleaning process



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**Any Questions...  
On Leak Testing-  
Just Ask!**



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# Care & Handling of Flexible Endoscopes

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**1**

**Add appropriate volume of detergent per gallon of clean water to a sink**



# Care & Handling of Flexible Endoscopes

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**1**

Add appropriate volume of detergent per gallon of clean water to a sink



**2**

Completely submerge endoscope in detergent solution



# Care & Handling of Flexible Endoscopes

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**1**

Add appropriate volume of detergent per gallon of clean water to a sink



**2**

Completely submerge endoscope in detergent solution



**3**

Wash all external parts of the endoscope with a soft sponge or lint-free cloth



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**4**

**Brush all channel ports with appropriate sized, IFU approved cleaning brush**



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## Olympus Gastroscope IFU Example- ITEMS NEEDED



Water-resistant Cap  
(MD-252)



Biopsy Valve  
(MB-358)



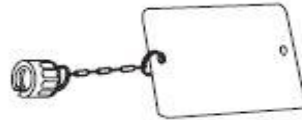
All-Channel Irrigator  
(CW-3)



Elevator-wire-channel  
Cleaning Tube (MB-109)



Channel-opening  
Cleaning Brush (MH-507)



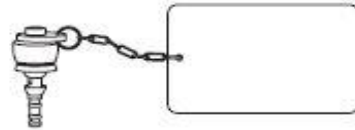
ETO Cap (MB-156)



Channel Cleaning Adapter  
(MB-19)  
2 pcs (For GIF TYPE 2T20/2T100,  
CF TYPE 2T200 Only)



Suction Pump (KV-4)



AW Channel Cleaning Adapter  
(MB-107)



Leakage Tester  
(MB-155, sold separately)



Maintenance Unit  
(MU-1, sold separately)



Auxiliary Water Tube  
(MB-1, MH-437)



Splinting Tube Cleaning Brush  
(MD-69; For ST-S1 only)



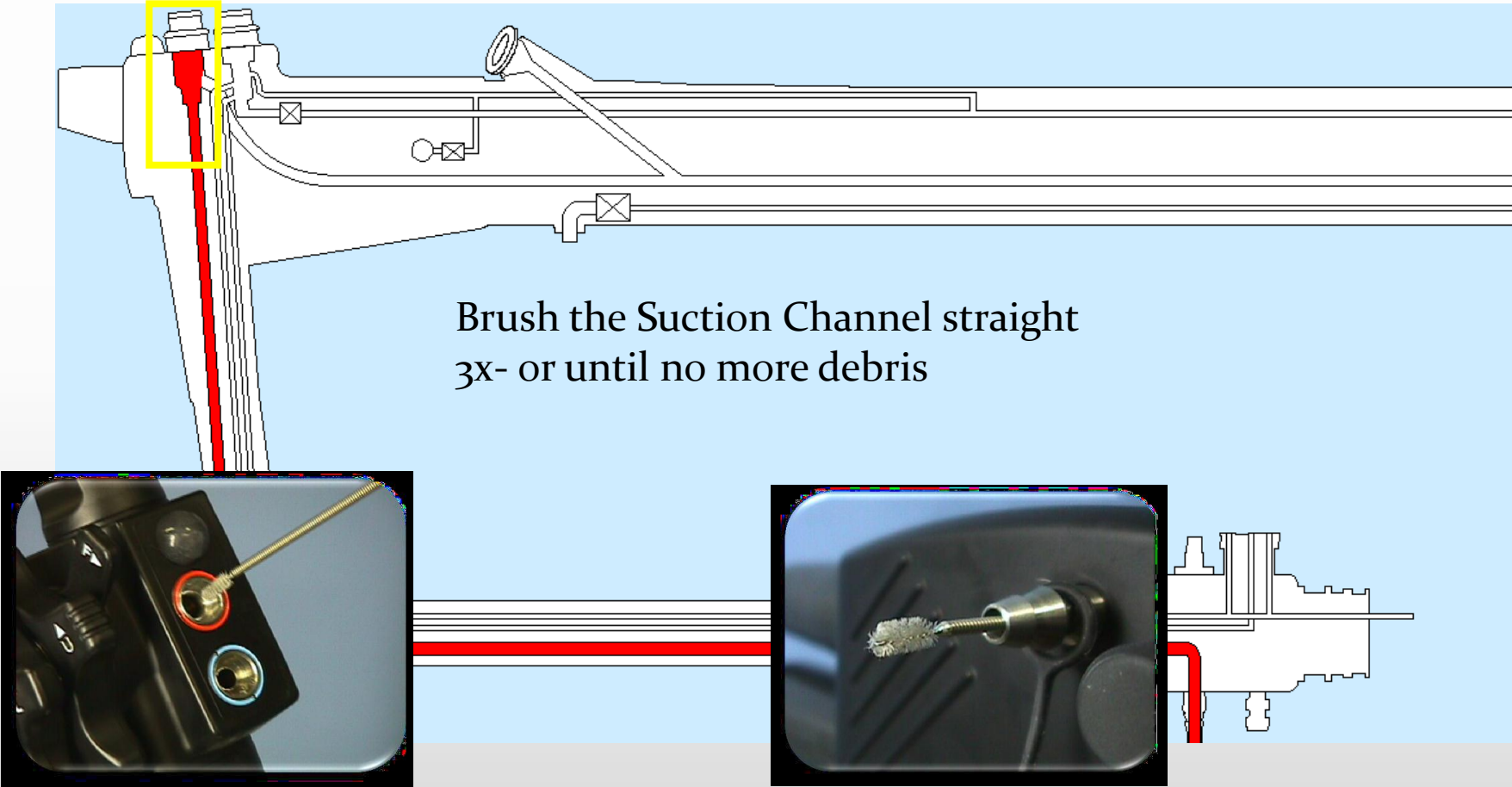
Channel Cleaning Brush  
(BW-9Y; For SIF TYPE 100 only)  
(BW-17K; For GIF TYPE XT30 only)  
(BW-20T; For others)



Auxiliary Water Tube  
(MH-437)

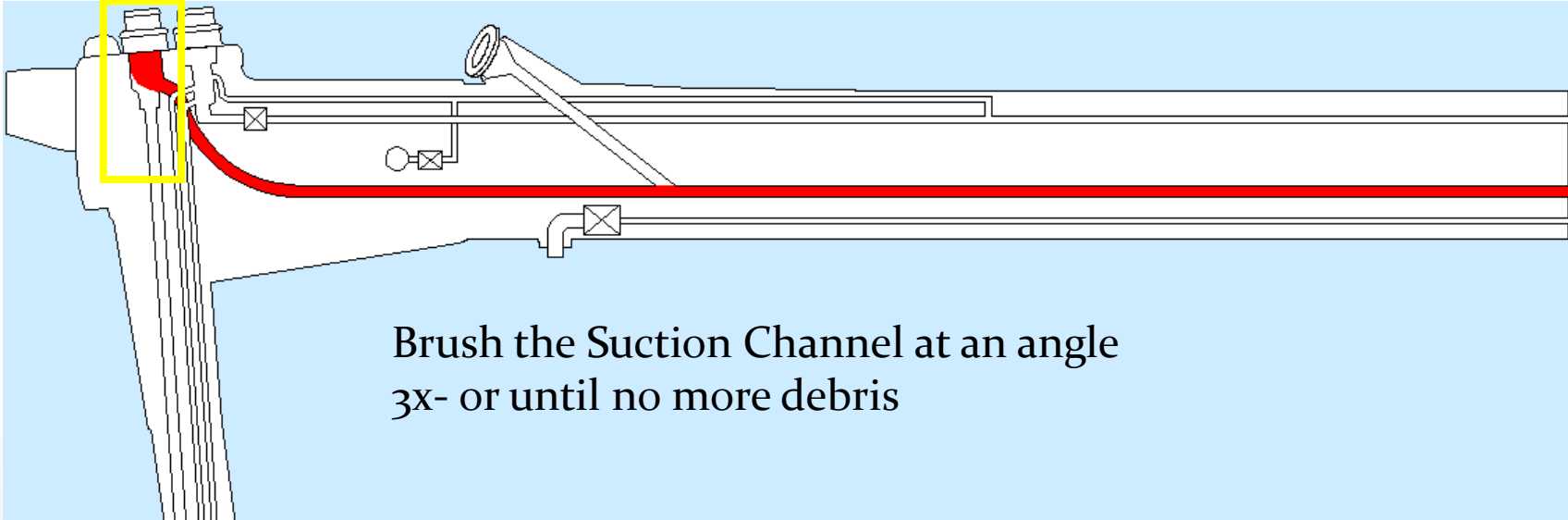
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## Brushing Suction Channel

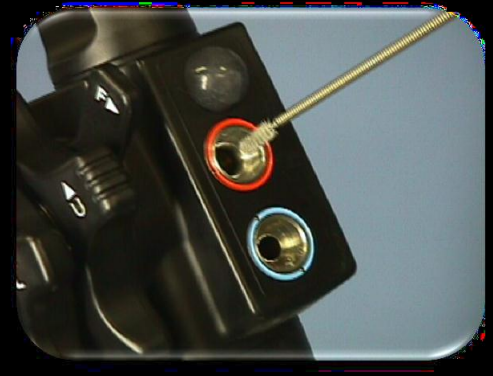


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## Brushing Suction Channel

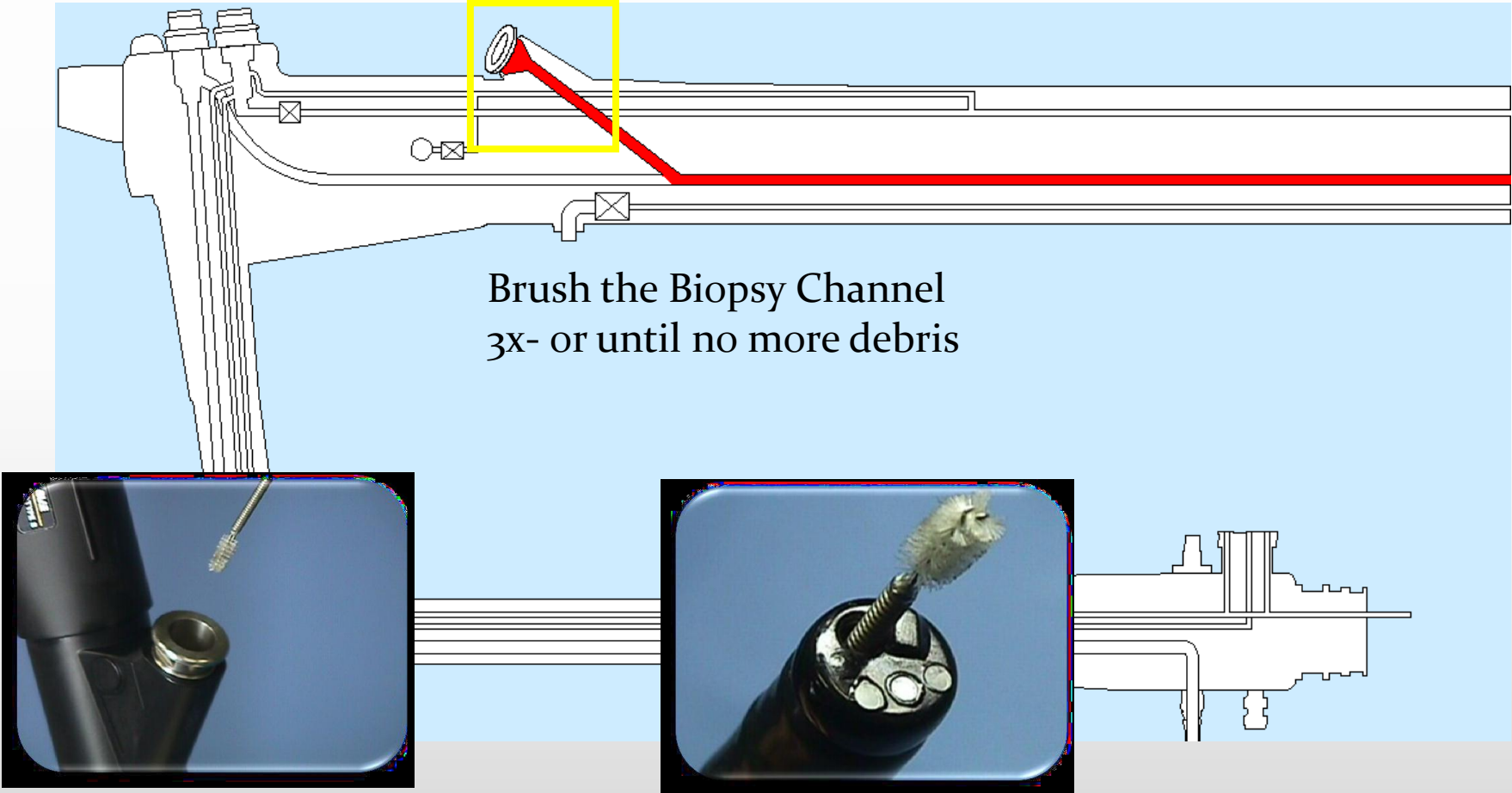


Brush the Suction Channel at an angle  
3x- or until no more debris





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4

Brush all channel ports with appropriate sized, IFU approved cleaning brush



5

*(for duodenoscopes)* clean-brush & flush elevator arm and distal end assembly with the appropriate sized IFU approved cleaning brush



## Care & Handling of Flexible Endoscopes

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**4** Brush all channel ports with appropriate sized cleaning brush



**5** (*for duodenoscopes*) clean elevator arm and distal end assembly with the appropriate cleaning brush



**6** Brush all appropriate channel lumens



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**7**

Ensure that the brush tip passes *completely* through each channel lumen



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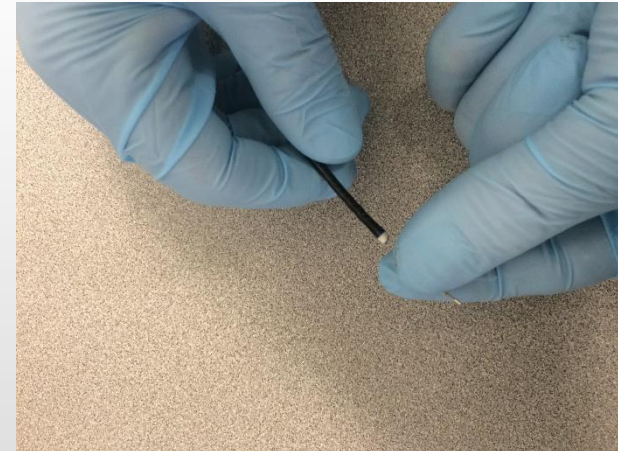
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Ensure that the brush tip passes *completely* through each channel lumen



8

Wipe brush tip free of debris *before withdrawing back* through the channel



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Ensure that the brush tip passes completely through each channel lumen



8

Wipe brush tip free of debris *before withdrawing back* through the channel



9

Repeat a minimum of three times or until no debris is visible on cleaning brush

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*In order to avoid damage to the endoscope distal end, never attempt to insert a cleaning brush into endoscope distal tip.*



**IMPORTANT:**

What is wrong in these images?



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When performing the manual cleaning of flexible endoscopes; users should place the scope *fully submerged in the detergent solution*— “detergent contact time” is *very important* for removing debris and the prevention of biofilm on the endoscope and within the channels.

\*Per AAMI ST\_91 Section 5.5-“Place the endoscope in the solution, keeping it below the fluid’s surface level at all times”

**PATIENT SAFETY**



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10

Dispose of single use brush or reprocess the multi-use brush according to manufacturer's recommendations



Biological  
Hazard

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10

Dispose of single use brush or process multi-use brush according to manufacturer's recommendations



11

Connect flushing adaptor to endoscope and thoroughly flush channels



# Care & Handling of Flexible Endoscopes

10

Dispose of single use brush or process multi-use brush according to manufacturer's recommendations



11

Connect flushing adaptor to endoscope and thoroughly flush channels



12

(For automated flushing devices) follow manufacturer's guidelines for use



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**13**

**Drain sink and remove enzymatic cleaner residue**

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**13** Drain sink and remove enzymatic cleaner residue

**14** (In a separate sink) Thoroughly rinse external endoscope under free flowing clean water

## Care & Handling of Flexible Endoscopes

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**13** Drain sink and remove enzymatic cleaner residue

**14** ( In a separate sink) Thoroughly rinse external endoscope under free flowing clean water

**15** Thoroughly flush all lumens with clean water

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**16**

**(For automated flushing devices)  
follow manufacturer's guidelines for  
use**



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16

(For automated flushing devices)  
follow manufacturer's guidelines for  
use



17

Remove scope from sink



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**16** (For automated flushing devices)  
follow manufacturer's guidelines for  
use



**17** Remove scope from sink

**18** Dry endoscope w lint free cloth,  
flush channels with 70% isopropyl  
alcohol followed by instrument air

**If Sterrad or ETO  
sterilization-  
Flush with 70%  
Isopropyl alcohol  
through all  
channel lumens**

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**19**

**Drain and clean sink**

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**19**

**Drain and clean sink**

**20**

**Process endoscope according to  
manufacturer's instructions  
(Manual HLD, AER or Sterilization)**



*Thank You*