



Accreditation: ROP of the Week

Required Organizational Practice: Reprocessing

WHAT IS REPROCESSING?

- Reprocessing includes **cleaning, disinfecting** and **sterilizing** medical devices/equipment.
- Monitoring the reprocessing processes helps us to identify areas for improvement and reduce healthcare-associated infections.

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- Reprocessing procedures are in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.
- **Policies** provide guidance for appropriate cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing of medical devices, storage and transport of dirty and clean instruments and equipment between patient/client/resident use.
- There is a **Reprocessing Quality Improvement Team** that consists of representation from Reprocessing Departments from across the province.
- **Audits** are completed to evaluate the effectiveness of reprocessing procedures. Audit results are reviewed by the Reprocessing Quality Improvement Team and management to ensure compliance and identify any opportunities for improvement.

Reprocessing processes and systems must measure their effectiveness.

Questions Accreditation Canada Surveyors May Ask Staff:

How do you handle and where do you keep dirty instruments? Do you use PPE?

What do you use to keep soiled instrument surfaces from drying up with body fluids or tissues on the surface?

How do you know a medical instrument has been properly reprocessed?