## Health PEI

# What is Reprocessing?

**Reprocessing** refers to cleaning, disinfecting, and sterilizing medical devices and equipment. Organizations reprocess equipment based on the Spaulding classification and according to manufacturers' instructions.

### **Effective Reprocessing can be Measured by Monitoring:**

- Water quality
- Washer performance

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- Sterilization test strips
- Organic residuals
- Disinfectant concentration & use



### Why Does it Matter?

#### Monitoring reprocessing helps to:

- Reduce healthcare-associated infections
- Identify areas for improvement
- Ensure compliance with manufacturer instructions
- Auditing is regularly completed to evaluate the effectiveness of reprocessing procedures.
- The Reprocessing Quality Improvement Team reviews audit results to:
  - Identify opportunities for improvement;
  - Promote standardization; and
  - Support staff education and best practices