

Table 2 Knowledge of endoscope reprocessing among health care workers

Reprocessing step	Percentage who answered the question correctly
<i>Cleaning</i>	
The cleaning brushes should be disposable/thoroughly cleaned and receive a high-level disinfection or sterilization after each use	49
All channels should be brushed and irrigated with large amounts of enzymatic presoak solution or detergent and tap water	50
After mechanical cleaning, immersible equipment should be thoroughly rinsed with water	100
The endoscope should be checked by inspection and leak test	47
All detachable parts should be removed and soaked in an enzymatic presoak solution	67
<i>Disinfection</i>	
Internal and external surfaces and channels must be in contact with the disinfecting agent for at least 20 minutes	67
Repeated dipping into any chemical disinfectant and retained water on equipment can lower the concentration over time	98
All containers with glutaraldehyde solutions should be sealed or covered	85
<i>Treatment after disinfection</i>	
Rinsing should be done with sterile water. If sterile water is not available, then potable tap water should be used with a rinse of the internal lumens with alcohol	62
Drying with alcohol and compressed air should be done between each patient when tap water is being used to rinse the endoscope channels	67
Drying with alcohol and compressed air should be done before storage whether tap water or sterile water is used	79
Endoscopes should be stored vertically in a cabinet	72
Control valves, distal hoods, caps, etc. should be removed before storage of the endoscope	6