Table 2 Knowledge of endoscope reprocessing among health care workers Percentage who answered the Reprocessing step question correctly Cleaning The cleaning brushes should be disposable/thoroughly cleaned and receive a high-level 49 disinfection or sterilization after each use All channels should be brushed and irrigated with large amounts of enzymatic presoak 50 solution or detergent and tap water 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 Disinfection Internal and external surfaces and channels must be in contact with the disinfecting agent 67 for at least 20 minutes Repeated dipping into any chemical disinfectant and retained water on equipment can 98 lower the concentration over time All containers with glutaraldehyde solutions should be sealed or covered 85 Treatment after disinfection Rinsing should be done with sterile water. If sterile water is not available, then potable tap 62 water should be used with a rinse of the internal lumens with alcohol Drying with alcohol and compressed air should be done between each patient when tap 67 water is being used to rinse the endoscope channels Drying with alcohol and compressed air should be done before storage whether tap water 79 or sterile water is used

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Endoscopes should be stored vertically in a cabinet

Control valves, distal hoods, caps, etc. should be removed before storage of the endoscope