

Product Bulletin

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RE: Reprocessing of Endoscope Valves vs the use of Disposable Valves

All Medivators endoscope reprocessors (ADVANTAGE PLUS® Endoscope Reprocessing System, DSD-201LT, DSD-201, DSD EDGE® Endoscope Reprocessor, CER OPTIMA®, CER-1, CER-2) are used for high level disinfection of flexible endoscopes and related accessories. These accessories include, but are not necessarily limited to, endoscope valves (suction, biopsy, air/water). The endoscopes and the aforementioned accessories must be thoroughly cleaned per the endoscope manufacturer's Directions For Use (DFUs) prior to placement in a Medivators endoscope reprocessor. If the DFUs are followed properly and completely, high level disinfection of the endoscope and related accessories will be accomplished.

It is widely held (via professional society guidelines/statements based on clinical studies) that human intervention in the proper pre-cleaning of flexible endoscopes is a critical factor in the outcome of reprocessing. Pre-cleaning technique can vary substantially by individual(s) performing the tasks, and non-deviation from the recommended procedures cannot be guaranteed. One way of eliminating the human intervention factor is the use of single-use disposable suction, biopsy, and air/water valves. The endoscopy facility must decide which practice is best for a given situation – meticulous proper pre-cleaning of the endoscope accessories prior to high level disinfection, or use of single-use disposable valves

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Medivators Customer Support at 1-800-444-4729, option 2.

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