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Re: Water for rinsing Olympus endoscopes (Models: ENF-VQ, ENF-VT2, LTF-VH, LTF-VP, LTF-VP-S, and CHF-P60) and associated accessories

Dear Health Care Professional:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information on the water quality recommended for reprocessing and rinsing of the listed models of Olympus endoscopes and associated accessories (ENF-VQ, ENF-VT2, LTF-VH, LTF-VP, LTF-VP-S, and CHF-P60). The current instruction manuals for these devices recommend the use of deionized water for reprocessing and/or rinsing. In addition to deionized water, other water qualities are acceptable for reprocessing and/or rinsing the endoscopes and associated accessories as specified below.

Water (for reprocessing)

Water is used for leakage testing and manual cleaning of the endoscope and accessories. For these purposes, use either fresh, potable tap water or water that has been processed (e.g., filtered, deionized or purified) to improve its chemical and/or microbiological quality. Consult with your hospital's infection control committee.

Rinse water

Use sterile water for rinsing the endoscope and accessories following high-level disinfection. If sterile water is not available, use either fresh, potable tap water or water that has been processed (e.g., filtered, deionized or purified) to improve its chemical and/or microbiological quality, and flush the endoscope and accessories with alcohol after rinsing as directed in the instruction manual. Consult with your hospital's infection control committee regarding local policies on water quality.

Olympus is currently in the process of revising the endoscope instruction manuals to include the information provided above. In the meantime, this letter serves as formal documentation of the acceptable water quality for reprocessing and rinsing of the listed endoscopes.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your local Olympus sales representative or the Olympus Technical Assistance Center at 1-800-848-9024. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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