

EQUIPMENT

Endoscope Preventative Maintenance

Preventive Maintenance

- Ensure the scope is stored in a dry, safe place where it is free from damage and environmental contamination. It is preferable for the scope to hang vertically, to facilitate drying and prevent moisture buildup
- Before and after each use of the endoscope it is important to *inspect the equipment* to prevent small problems from becoming larger
- MAKE SURE
 - No parts are missing or loose
 - The scope is free of damage (run your hand down the length of the insertion tube-down to the distal end to feel for dents, cracks or bends)
 - If damage is present: **THE DEVICE SHOULD BE SENT OUT FOR REPAIR IMMEDIATELY.** While the device may seem functional and able to be used, small cuts and tears can lead to major fluid invasion, which will cause a much larger/more expensive problem.
 - The scope is free of dirt or debris anywhere on its exterior
 - If dirt is present: thoroughly rinse with water. Remove persistent debris with a non-acidic cleaning agent. Rinse again with water. Use a non-abrasive, soft, lint-free cloth to dry equipment.
 - All optical surfaces (eyepiece cover lens, objective lens, video adapter lenses) are free of dirt/moisture

If dirt is present: clean with 70% ethanol using a non-abrasive, lint-free cloth