

Patient Safety Advisory

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Item: Olympus EXERA™ Gastrointestinal Endoscopes
Models: CF-Q160L, CF-Q160I, CF-160S, CF-Q160AL, CF-Q160AI
and GIF-2T160

Specific Incident: The manufacturer issued an "Important Safety Notice" on February 10, 2003, (attached) to remind users that the auxiliary water channel must be reprocessed each time the endoscope is used.

Recommendations: 1. Follow manufacturer instructions.
2. All channels of all endoscopes must be reprocessed during each reprocessing cycle even if the channels were not utilized during the preceding patient procedure.

Additional Information: Please contact your local Olympus sales representative about the proper steps to reprocess Olympus endoscopes or call 800-848-9024 to obtain copies of Reprocessing Manuals for Olympus endoscopic equipment.

Source: VISN 1 and manufacturer

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