



October 30, 2017

Re: Use of pre-saturated sponges for precleaning of Olympus flexible endoscopes

Dear Health Care Professional,

This letter is in response to your recent inquiry on the use of sponges that are pre-saturated with detergent solution for the Olympus endoscope precleaning process. These types of sponges are readily available for purchase in the United States.

These sponges may be used to wipe down the endoscope during the precleaning process as described in the Olympus instructions for use, provided the following criteria are met:

- The sponge manufacturer specifies that the product can be used on endoscopes
- The detergent with which the sponge is saturated meets the Olympus criteria for use. According to these criteria, the detergent must be:
 - Low-foaming
 - Neutral pH
 - Formulated for use on medical devices

The detergent may be enzymatic or non-enzymatic.

The user should follow the pre-saturated sponge manufacturer's instructions for use in addition to the precleaning instructions provided by Olympus for the model of endoscope being reprocessed.

WARRANTY

Nothing contained in this letter alters, extends, or modifies in any way the authorized Olympus warranty applicable to each device or instrument.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your local Olympus sales representative or the Olympus Technical Assistance Center at 1-800-848-9024 (United States) or 1-800-387-0437 (Canada).

Sincerely,

Olympus