

# Endoscope Reprocessing Protocols

## TIMELY REPROCESSING

There are several stages in the reprocessing cycle and there are time specific considerations that must be observed in order to mitigate risk to the patient & maximize the ability to properly clean & high level disinfect the instrument

Timely reprocessing =

- 1) **DEFINED TIMELINES IN STANDARD** or....
- 2) **TIMELINE THAT IS EXECUTED ACCORDING TO FACILITY POLICY & PROCEDURE IF NOT SPECIFIED IN THE STANDARD**

### **Canadian Standards Association states:**

*The precise time frame within which various endoscope reprocessing activities should take place has not been scientifically established. Table 2 provides some guidelines based on a consensus of expert opinion.*

# Endoscope Reprocessing Protocols

## TIMELY REPROCESSING

There are some key stages defined in the standards today that must be observed:

- ✓ Preclean needs to be done immediately after the instrument is removed from the patient
- ✓ Time between preclean including transportation and manual cleaning must be less or equal to 1hr

Note: if this time is >3hrs then alternate methods must be executed

- ✓ Endoscope must be removed within 1 hour of the endoscope reprocessing high level disinfection cycle being complete

