

Competency Development Tips
Point of Use Treatment

Competencies should be based on facility processes, products, equipment, policies, and procedures. Competencies should also reference relevant industry guidance documents and standards, work instructions, job aides and tools, risk assessments, and staff's experience with performing the task. The following are additional items to consider when developing competencies for Point of Use Treatment of medical devices.

1. Safety

- a. PPE appropriate to task
- b. Safety Data Sheets

2. Critical steps in Point of Use Treatment



3. During Procedure

- a. Instruments/devices kept free of gross debris
- b. Lumens flushed
- c. Bioburden is not allowed to dry on the devices
- d. Use sterile water to keep devices moist. Does not use Saline.

4. Post Procedure

- a. Instruments opened and disassembled per manufacturer's instructions for use (IFU)
- b. Device sets kept together, placed back in respective trays/containers
- c. Delicate & sharp items are segregated and/or protected
- d. Moistening agent applied per manufacturer's IFU
- e. Point of use treatment if applicable (flexible endoscopes, for example) per the manufacturer's IFU

5. Moistening Agent

- a. Application on instruments/devices per manufacturer's IFU
- b. Operation of the moistening agent product per manufacturer's IFU, if applicable

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6. Preparation for transport
 - a. Placement in designated puncture resistant container, tub and or vehicle
 - b. No transportation in water
 - c. Labeled as biohazard
7. Transport
 - a. Delivered to decontamination within facility specified timeframe
 - b. Utilizes specified route to prevent accidental contamination of staff, visitors and patients, if applicable