



QEZ® Bedside Kits

For Immediate Precleaning of Endoscopes and Other Devices



WHAT IS THE QEZ BEDSIDE KIT?

QEZ Bedside Kits are products and accessories for bedside precleaning procedures on endoscopes, transducer probes and related devices immediately after patient care. Components include sponges pre-saturated with ProEZ AW Quad™ enzymatic detergent, disposable bags to hold liquid cleaning solution and table cover / transport cinch pads in a variety of combinations.

Do I have to preclean? Why is it so important to reduce dried blood and soils on endoscopes and other devices at the point of care?

Blood and other soils will dry on instruments and inside channels of devices and start the formation of biofilm and corrosion within minutes after the end of a procedure. Endoscopy nurses have a short window to take action BEFORE sending scopes and instruments to the processing area. Scope manufacturer instructions plus guidelines from SGNA, AORN, AAMI and other professional groups have targeted precleaning as an important action.**

What steps and procedures are most useful to prevent dried soils at point of use?

Check the instructions for each brand and model of endoscope, transducer or other device. Most instructions recommend use of neutral pH enzymatic solution to wipe off the exterior surfaces and distal portion of tubing. Items with channels are usually flushed with liquid enzymatic solution.

What is the advantage of freshly mixed solution when using enzymatic products for precleaning and manual cleaning of endoscopes?

Enzymes are a premium ingredient to help dissolve soils, especially in areas where brushing and scrubbing is difficult. Over time a pre-diluted enzyme solution will weaken as enzymes attack each other during storage leaving you with less cleaning action. QEZ Bedside Kits use pre-saturated sponges dosed with concentrated ProEZ AW Quad detergent. Squeezing the QEZ sponge in water releases the enzymes for fresh cleaning action.

Can we prepare the flushing solution prior to the procedure in the room?

Yes. Use freshly prepared QEZ solution within 12 hours.

Can I use room temperature tap water to hydrate the QEZ sponge?

Yes! QEZ sponges and kits with ProEZ AW Quad detergent have validated performance for enzymatic action at room temperature. Tap water is appropriate for this stage of precleaning. A better quality of water may be required for the final rinse.

Why does the QEZ Stand-Up Bag have volume line markings?

Many brands and models of endoscopes state a specific minimum volume of fluid to flush the scope during the precleaning step.

What is the value of vacuum packed QEZ Bedside Kits?

QEZ Bedside Kit components including dry sponges, pre-saturated sponges, kits with transport pads and all other combinations are vacuum packed to reduce shipping volume and storage space. In addition, kits arrive inside inner bags. This makes it easier to re-stock and keep corrugated cardboard outside of clinical areas.

What is the value of transport cinch pads for our department?

The absorbent pad acts as a table cover, reducing cross contamination and spills. It saves valuable minutes of clean up between procedures. The fluid resistant outer surface of pad is red with built-in biohazard markings to clearly indicate a contaminated unprocessed device. QEZ transport cinch pads cushion delicate devices during transport and reduce cleaning time for rigid outer containers.

*Patents Pending.

**SGNA Standards of Infection Prevention in Reprocessing Flexible Gastrointestinal Endoscopes 2018

**ANSI/AAMI ST91:2015

**Multi-Society Guideline on Reprocessing Flexible GI Endoscopes, 2016

