

The CBSPD Certification Process

The Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc. (CBSPD) is the leading competency-based certification program for individuals performing reprocessing activities. The "Certified Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor" examination is the sixth certification program offered by the CBSPD.

The CBSPD administered its first technician examination in April 1991. In October 1994 the first supervisor exam was administered and in May 1995 the manager certification exam was administered. The surgical instrument technician exam was first administered in October 2002 and the Ambulatory Surgery sterile processing exam in 2005.

The CBSPD contracts with professional test development and administration companies for all psychometric services including Job Analysis Surveys, test development, test administration, scoring and reporting of test scores, establishment of international test sites and cut score meetings. All of the CBSPD's processes are in compliance with the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) "Guidelines for Certifying Bodies". In March 2008, the CBSPD received a full, 5-year re-accreditation from the NCCA, making the CBSPD the only sterile processing certification program accredited by the NCCA.

The CBSPD is also accredited by the U.S. Veterans Administration and the Defense Activities for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES) of the U.S. Military.

Why develop a certification program for flexible endoscope reprocessors? Because leaders in the profession, including Central Service/SPD, OR, Endoscopy and Ambulatory Surgery Surgicenter Managers identified flexible endoscope reprocessing as a key competency area. Patient safety is at the forefront today and processing issues directly impact on successful patient outcomes. The Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor exam concentrates on competencies in all facets of

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flexible GI scopes and bronchoscopes regardless of where they are processed. Furthermore, competent performance by flexible endoscope reprocessors can increase efficiencies and decrease scope repairs and costs.

EXAM CONTENT AREAS:

Infection Control - 12%; Reprocessing Techniques - 13%; Standard Equipment for Endoscopic Procedures - 19%; Chemicals - 11%; Rules and Regulations - 10%; Safety - 14%; Basic Medical Competencies and Performance Standards - 7% ; Recordkeeping - 3%; Specimen Handling - 4% ; Ethical Standards - 7%

The exam consists of 125 multiple-choice, competency-based questions in the above content areas.

A Study Guide is available from the CBSPD to assist in the preparation of study for the examination.

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Why Obtain Certified Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor Status?

Because today's healthcare environment demands demonstration of competency. Many healthcare facilities are requiring certification for personnel performing reprocessing activities. Certified personnel make fewer mistakes, are more satisfied with their work and have improved self esteem. This examination specifically identifies those individuals who have demonstrated their competency in flexible endoscope reprocessing in an Endoscopy, Ambulatory Surgery or hospital setting.

The CBSPD uses computer based testing administrations under secured conditions. All examinations are administered four times a year in one-week windows during the first weeks in February, May, August and November. Test sites are located throughout the U.S. and internationally. The fee for the examination is \$115, which includes 5-year certification upon passing the examination.

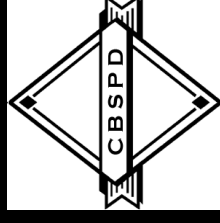
For an application form and/or information about the Certified Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor Study Guide, contact the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution

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Personnel performing flexible endoscope reprocessing have a direct impact on successful patient outcomes. Furthermore, competent performance in flexible endoscope reprocessing can increase physician satisfaction and reduce scope repair costs.

This competency-based examination verifies the competency of personnel performing various flexible endoscope reprocessing activities in the Ambulatory Surgery, GI/Endo and hospital setting with measurable standards as defined in a Job Analysis survey performed by the CBSPD.

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