

Environment of Care Safety Considerations

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air pressure**

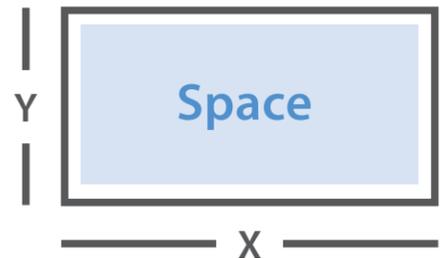


Air handling

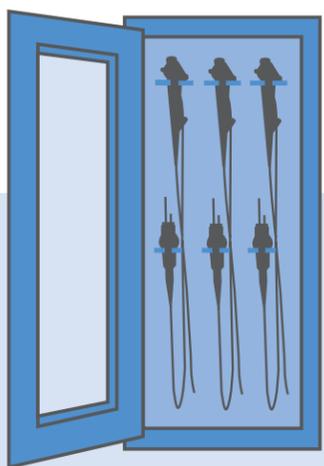
Temperature and humidity regulated according to local and facility requirements and CDC guidelines.

Separation

Reprocessing area physically separate from the patient procedure rooms and dedicated to reprocessing activities.



Sufficient to accommodate people, activities, and growth.



Endoscope storage

Hang freely to prevent damage or contamination by physical impact and stored according to endoscope and storage cabinet manufacturers' instructions for use.



Plumbing and drains

Reprocessing areas have dedicated plumbing and drains, more than one sink and separate handwashing facilities. Sinks are deep enough to allow **complete immersion of the endoscope** and wide enough to avoid tight coiling of the endoscope.

**8-10
INCHES**

Sterile supplies and medications

Stored at least 8-10 inches from the floor and in such a manner to prevent splash contamination during environmental cleaning.



**Eating and drinking
Only occur
in designated
areas.**



Hazardous chemical spills

Written policies on handling hazardous chemicals. Staff trained and have documented competencies on chemicals used.

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