

# Manual Drying of Endoscopes

## 1. Purpose

This procedure details the process for the manual drying of endoscopes. This would be followed in the event that the endoscope washer disinfectant (EWD), or endoscope storage cabinet (ESC), did not have a drying function.

## 2. Responsibilities

This work is carried out by staff trained and competent in the manual drying of an endoscope.

Management should ensure that the endoscope manufacturer's instructions and this procedure are available and followed. Management should ensure that staff are trained on this procedure. Management take any required action when there is a non-conformance confirmed (PRO 179-200).

All staff shall adhere to Standard infection control precautions listed in **National Infection Prevention and Control Manual (NIPCM)** Health Protection Scotland [www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/](http://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/)

## 3. Procedure

- wipe the insertion tube of the endoscope followed by its handle, cable, plug and accessories, using a sterile single-use absorbent non-linting cloth;
- examine the endoscope for any sign of discoloration or damage, whilst drying;
- when required connect the medical grade air to each channel in sequence and flush for the duration recommended by the manufacturer;
- dry and inspect all reusable accessories, using a sterile single-use absorbent non-linting cloth, and place into the dedicated holder recommended by the endoscope manufacturer.