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High-level disinfection evaluation in the ambulatory setting

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High level disinfection (HLD) is a complex process, requiring appropriate materials and highly trained personnel. An investigation of the HLD process was performed at an outpatient urology practice upon notification of expired chemical test strips being utilized. Infection Prevention (IP) identified various breaches in the reprocessing of flexible cystoscopes and transrectal prostate biopsy probes. Contributing factors identified were gaps in staff training, availability of all necessary supplies and staff supervision.

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