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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This notification describes Pentax official policy statement regarding the reprocessing of Pentax flexible endoscopes with the Automated Endoscope Reprocessor (AER) by Steris called the Reliance Endoscope Processing System (EPS).

Based upon evidence available to date, Steris Reliance EPS chemistries/process can not be included in Pentax list of compatible reprocessing agents and Pentax Corporation does not recommend the use of the Reliance EPS chemistries/process with Pentax brand endoscopes. Service required for refurbishing Pentax instruments associated with Steris Reliance EPS use will not be covered by standard Pentax warranty terms and/or service contracts.

Pentax and Steris continue to engage in discussions to address this issue but until both companies endorse mutual product compatibility, any Pentax material changes and/or scope failures related to repeated use of Steris Reliance are the sole responsibility of those who use Steris Reliance EPS chemistries/process.

Sincerely,

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