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Abstract: Provides guidelines for point of use treatment, transporting, leak testing (where indicated), cleaning, packaging (where indicated), high-level disinfecting and/or sterilizing, storage, and quality control procedures of flexible gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopes, flexible bronchoscopes, flexible ear, nose, and throat endoscopes, flexible urology endoscopes, and other types of reusable flexible endoscopes used in procedural and surgical settings, and semi-rigid operative endoscopes (e.g., choledochoscopes) used in health care facilities. These guidelines are intended to provide comprehensive information and direction for health care personnel in the processing of these reusable devices and accessories to render them safe for patient use.

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