

Infection Prevention

Organization and Efforts to Increase Patient Safety and Drive Innovation for Infection Prevention

Olympus and its healthcare partners recognize that advancements in Infection Prevention (IP) are essential for improving patient care. Accordingly, Olympus placed infection prevention as an important pillar of business focus in 2021, and it gained an increasing presence in the organization, specifically within R&D and Medical and Scientific Affairs (MSA).

We continue to strengthen the business management for a strong focus on execution to aim for the highest level of patient safety while increasing transparency and investments to grow the infection prevention business.

With the Infection Prevention Business Unit (IPBU), Infection Prevention Center of Excellence (IPCoE) and Infection Prevention Control (IPC), Infection Prevention System Development (IPSys) and Infection Prevention Engineering (IPE), a strong, dedicated team has been created for a holistic approach to drive global patient safety to the next level. Therefore, Olympus advocates the continuous development of solutions to further increase efficacy and compatibility to our aim for maximum patient

safety. In view of patient care, the development of strict norms for validation around the globe presents an opportunity to actively develop and deliver solutions.

Olympus' Infection Prevention Business strives to increase patient safety, provide economically and environmentally sustainable reprocessing solutions as well as pursue untapped organic and inorganic opportunities. Topline growth is driven by a holistic portfolio globally led by the Automatic Endoscope Reprocessor (AER) launches and their consumables.



Automatic Endoscope Reprocessor launched in EMEA

U.S. Market Transition Progress for Duodenoscopes

Advancing the commitment to our patients and healthcare providers, Olympus continues to transition duodenoscopes in the United States market to the latest generation, which provides disposable components designed to improve access to the elevator mechanism for ease of reprocessing, aligning with regulatory recommendations. Since the start of the program, Olympus has been actively working with customers to upgrade to the latest generation duodenoscope.

In order to enhance reprocessing workflow and customer acceptance, Olympus has coordinated on-site and online reprocessing trainings with customers and added

clarification to the instructions for use. Over 2,200 customer training in-services have been performed in the United States to educate customers and promote safe reprocessing practices.



Duodenoscope with a removable distal-end cover

Enhancing Reprocessing Compliance and Patient Safety Through Educational Materials and Resources

We understand that adhering to guidelines not only promotes the quality and safety of reprocessing processes, but also helps us meet the evolving needs of our healthcare professionals and practitioners in the market. Through ongoing interactions and close collaborations, we aim to encourage data-driven, scientific expertise and knowledge to

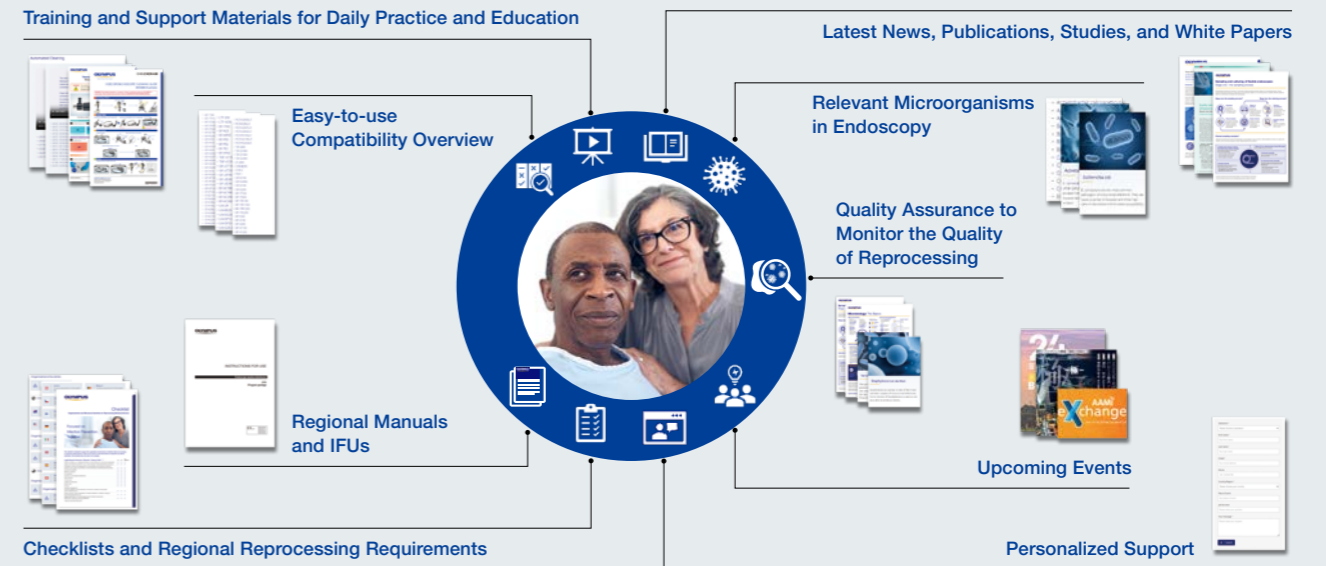
drive innovations, enhance our support offerings, and demonstrate a commitment to stay at the forefront of trends in the field of infection prevention.

As a trusted partner in infection prevention, Olympus strives to elevate patient safety for all practitioners in endoscope reprocessing. With the global website for

infection prevention*, we provide healthcare professionals with resources and educational materials on “Endoscope Processing” (up-to-date guidance on safe endoscope processing for Olympus endoscopes) and “Scientific Evidence” (state-of-the-art evidence on infection prevention in endoscopy to help provide information on the latest trends

and guidelines). With a strong focus on quality assurance, i.e., on sampling and culturing, we are committed to providing information about safe reprocessing practices and elevating the standard of care.

*As of September 2023, the website is not yet available for healthcare professionals in some countries, including, but not limited to Japan.



[Details : https://infectionprevention.olympus.com](https://infectionprevention.olympus.com)

Olympus Partners with the World's Leading Experts to Promote Efficient and Safe Endoscope Reprocessing

A close collaboration with the world's leading infection prevention experts, professional societies and key opinion leaders helps to keep Olympus aware of global standardization policies, guidelines and laws – making Olympus a trusted partner committed to promoting quality, efficient and safe endoscope reprocessing practices.

One of our major achievements has been the establishment of the annual “Endoscope Hygiene Experts Forum (EHEF).” Since 2016, this platform has served as a pivotal stakeholder exchange platform for infection prevention, bringing together internationally renowned healthcare professionals and thought leaders. The primary objective of this science and evidence-driven platform is to engage stakeholders in discussions on safe endoscope reprocessing, fostering innovation, collaboration and knowledge-sharing, while ultimately driving advancements in infection prevention.

This year's event primarily focused on the latest studies and evidence in sampling and culturing, a key aspect to

advance patient safety in endoscopy. Experts from Europe, the United States and Asia jointly collaborated on a true cross-continental proposal for an international standard in hygienic monitoring of flexible endoscopes.

Looking ahead, we confirm our commitment to shaping the infection prevention landscape and driving innovation with patient safety at the forefront of all our efforts.



Participants of the Endoscope Hygiene Experts Forum (EHEF)