

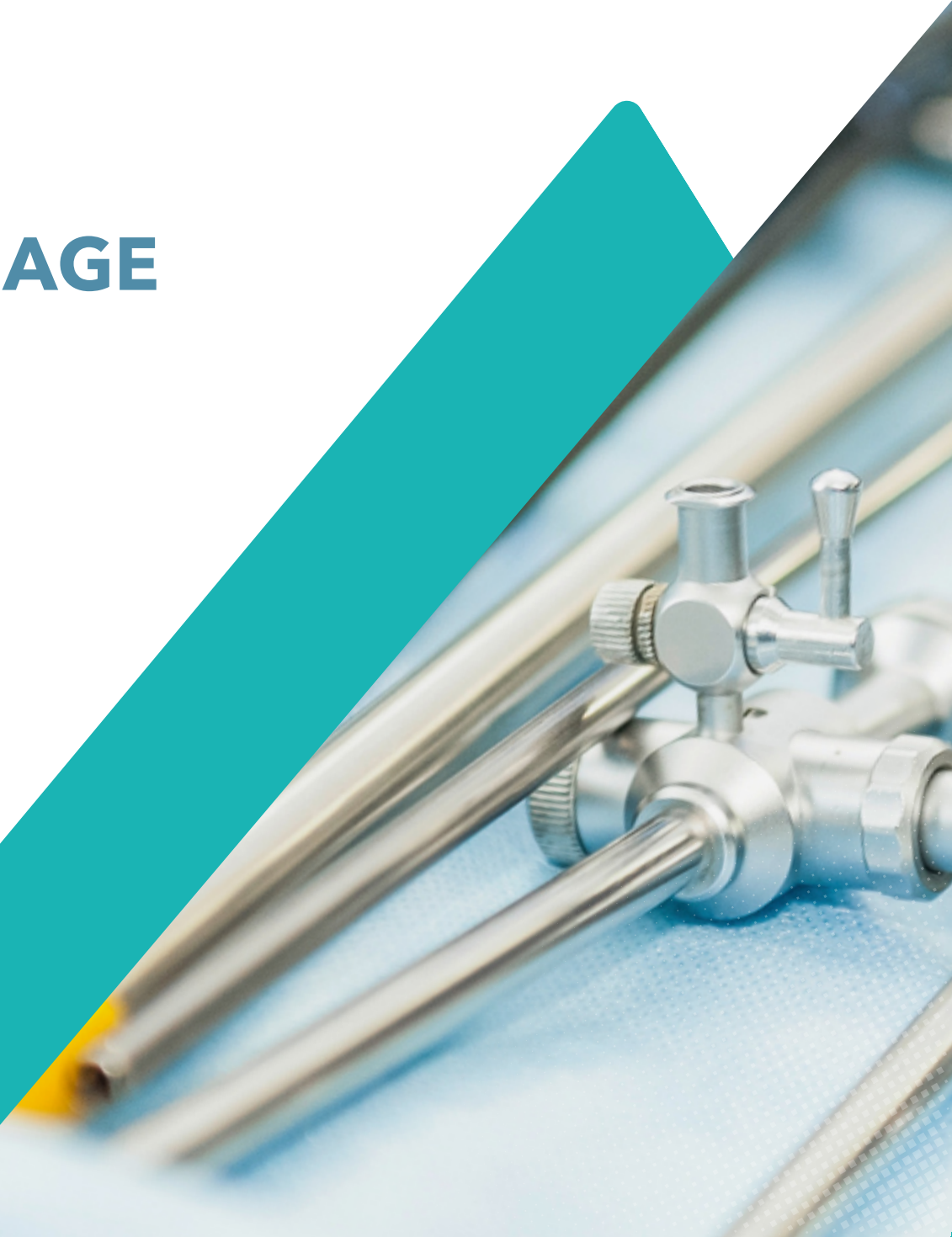


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INSTRUMENT DAMAGE PREVENTION



Our 10 Most Actionable Changes to
Reduce Instrument Damage





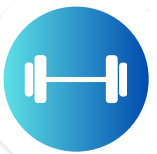
Point-of-Use Cleaning

Fluids left on instruments corrode stainless steel within minutes. Instruments should be wiped down at the point-of-use (OR) or within 30 minutes of use in decontamination.



IFU Reviews

Scheduled and consistent IFU reviews maintain good handling and reprocessing habits of high value capital assets.



Weight Stacking

Handling instruments with care in decontamination and properly building trays greatly reduces bending, crushing, and breaking of micro and delicate instruments.



Rightsizing Sets

Removing rarely used or excess instruments from trays reduces weight, reprocessing cost, and damage from stacking. Utilize peel packs for "one offs" whenever possible.



Stringer Organization

Properly loaded stringers protect scissors tips from breaking off and cutting edges from being chipped/damaged.



Instrument Protection

Tip covers, shaft protectors, and proper lubrication are low-cost solutions which prevent instrument damage during packing, transport, and use.



Care Champion

Designating a "Care Champion" builds accountability and reinforces best practices throughout the SPD and OR.



Active Communication

Clear lines of communication between the SPD, OR and your Repair Partner help to proactively identify and correct issues before they become larger and most costly.



Preventative Maintenance

Preventative Maintenance extends the useful life of surgical instruments, reduce total cost of ownership, and ensures proper performance during every procedure.



Continuing Education

Education and training strengthens the sterile processing department by giving staff the tools to proactively identify, mitigate, and resolve instrument issues.