



March 11, 2020

Re: Isopropyl/Ethyl Alcohol Shortage

Dear Valued Olympus Customer:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding a shortage of seventy (70%) percent isopropyl/ethyl alcohol referenced in the applicable instructions for use (IFU) for your Olympus product(s).

Olympus is aware of an increasing shortage of isopropyl alcohol (isopropanol) and ethyl alcohol, likely due to recent confirmed COVID-19 cases in the United States.

Olympus is aware that certain facilities are addressing this shortage by obtaining a higher concentration of isopropyl or ethyl alcohol and diluting it down to seventy (70%) percent isopropyl/ethyl alcohol, using sterile or distilled water.

Please note that Olympus has not performed any testing on the effects of diluted, scented, or dyed alcohol on the efficacy of endoscope reprocessing.

Finally, Olympus suggests that you work with your internal infection control personnel to address and implement any changes to your endoscopic reprocessing systems or controls.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Olympus Technical Support Center at (800) 848-9024.

Thank you for your attention.

REPROCESSING STRATEGY OFFICE
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