Can silicone mats be cleaned in a washer-disinfector?

A: Silicone mats may be processed in a washer-disinfector, if permitted in the manufacturer’s instructions for use. If a silicone mat is processed in a washer-disinfector, it must be removed from the instrument set and processed separately to allow the instruments to have full exposure to impingement action.

Source: ANSI/AAMI ST79:2017, Section 7.6.4.3.4

Why can’t our automated endoscope reprocessor (AER) be placed in the decontamination room?

A: It cannot be placed there because when the endoscope is removed from the AER, the decontamination room would re-contaminate the endoscope.

Source: ANSI/AAMI ST91, Section 3, Design of endoscope processing area

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