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Olympus Issues Summary Statement Regarding News Reports About Duodenoscopes

Olympus Corporation announces its views on the recent media articles since November 25th concerning its duodenoscopes sold in U.S. and European countries.

In regards to the recent assertions that the infection of drug-resistant bacteria in some regions of Europe and the United States were caused by Olympus endoscopes, the evidence does not support claims that the infections were caused by Olympus product designs or instructions for use. The endoscopes introduced by Olympus can be safe and effective when properly used, maintained and reprocessed (e.g. cleaned, disinfected and sterilized) according to their respective instructions for use. Every year, more than 2,000,000 Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) procedures are performed safely around the world.

Currently in the United States we are undergoing civil lawsuits related to duodenoscopes. As these are ongoing cases, it would be inappropriate to comment further except to say that we continue to clarify our views and arguments within the appropriate legal process.

We regard the security and safety of patients and health care professionals as our top priority and will continue to develop safe and secure medical devices in cooperation with health care professionals.