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INTERNATIONAL DELPHI CONSENSUS STUDY ON DISPOSABLE SINGLE-USE ENDOSCOPY: A PATH TO CLINICAL ADOPTION

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An international Delphi consensus of 62 endoscopy experts from 33 nations developed 26 statements on single use endoscopes and accessories, reaching agreement on 17 statements across clinical indications, technical factors, environmental issues, and financial implications.

KEY POINTS

- The modified Delphi process addressed single use endoscopy for high-risk patients defined as those with multi-drug-resistant infections, immunosuppressive medication or chemotherapy, post-transplantation, or severe neutropenia.
- Consensus statements were categorised into five areas: single use accessories (8 statements), clinical indications for single use endoscopes (9 statements), technical factors (4 statements), environmental issues (2 statements), and financial implications (3 statements).
- The initiative addresses gaps in data on indications and sustainability of single use endoscopes and accessories, which have been claimed to improve safety in the context of increasing infection rates and low microbiological surveillance.
- This is the first international consensus on clinical indications for single use endoscopy and is intended to serve as a framework to guide future research and evidence-based implementation in clinical practice.

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