PRODUCT DISRUPTION BRIEF

Olympus endoscopy equipment (updated June 13)

Olympus GI endoscopes supply has recovered.

Current conditions

Olympus was experiencing endoscope production challenges as a result of an earthquake in Japan's Noto Peninsula impacting one of their parts suppliers. Supplier operations have been restored for the production of GI flexible endoscopes with an anticipated lead time up to 60 days. All other flexible endoscopes (Respiratory, ENT, Urology and Gynecology) are currently available. Olympus is prioritizing service and repair to help ensure continuity of patient care and safeguarding healthcare supplies in the US market. At this time, Olympus does not anticipate significant impact to endoscope service and repair turnaround time.

Mitigation strategy

Supplier operations have been restored for the production of GI flexible endoscopes with an anticipated lead time up to 60 days. Olympus processors are only compatible with Olympus processors; competitive processors are not compatible. Until the situation is resolved, providers can reach out to Olympus for loaner and rental endoscopes if needed. All other flexible endoscopes (Respiratory, ENT, Urology and Gynecology) are currently available.

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