

## Decontamination of Surgical Instruments.

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Surgical equipment sterilization can be hampered by equipment design, production pressures, [process complexity](#) and policy misalignment. This report examines a case of [unclean](#) surgical instrument use. It recommends external sterile service assessment and competency review as steps toward improving the reliability of [instrument decontamination](#) processes in the National Health Service.