

Surveyor Asked What?!

Regulatory Surveyor Questions ... How would you respond?

Manufacturer Instructions for Use (MIFU)

If a surveyor asks:
How do you know how to use or clean a piece of medical equipment?

Your Answer: **We follow the Manufacturer's Instructions for Use (MIFUs).**

What is an MIFU?

An MIFU is a document the Food and Drug Administration requires manufacturers of medical instruments and devices and patient care items to provide. An MIFU contains specific instructions on:

- How to use or operate a piece of equipment
- Proper storage and maintenance
- Cleaning and/or disinfecting requirements

It is important to understand that each patient care item has its own MIFU.

By following them, we ensure that we are providing safe, quality care to our patients.

When do you need to use an MIFU?

- When new equipment or patient care products are first introduced to a unit, information from the MIFU is utilized to train staff.
- MIFUs should be referenced when there is any question about how to use, clean, or maintain a piece of equipment.

Where can you find the MIFUs for the medical equipment and/or patient care products you use?



YNHHS staff can access MIFUs for medical devices and patient care items through the OneSource database, available from the Resources page on the hospital intranet.

MIFUs housed in OneSource are updated with any manufacturer updates.

Speak with your manager if you have any questions about the MIFU for equipment you are using or if you are unable to locate an MIFU.

