



2022 Infection Prevention & Control for General Practice
June e page # 5 – Can we compare weekly costs of disposable instruments vs reprocessing?
(labour, materials, waste/environment)

Item	No. items/ week	Select status	Replacement cost/week	Waste/kg (sharps/CW)	Materials i.e packaging, labels, printer paper	Labour cost/week	Time spent/week	Power & water	Maintenance of steriliser etc
Ear speculum		Disposable or Reprocessible							
Ear syringe/pulse/suction		Disposable or Reprocessible							
Sterile vaginal speculum		Disposable or Reprocessible							
Dressing pack with tweezers		Disposable or Reprocessible							
Spacer		Disposable or Reprocessible							
Artery forceps		Disposable or Reprocessible							
Forceps		Disposable or Reprocessible							
Scissors		Disposable or Reprocessible							
Excision sets		Disposable or Reprocessible							
Scalpel handles		Disposable or Reprocessible							