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Dear Colleague

**ENDOSCOPIC DECONTAMINATION:
REVISION OF ANNEX F OF GUIDANCE ON 'TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM
ENCEPHALOPATHY AGENTS: SAFE WORKING AND THE PREVENTION OF
INFECTION'**

This circular updates the circular HSS(MD)17/2005 issued on 13 May 2005.

Annex F of the guidance for healthcare and laboratory workers on safe working with transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) has been further revised and published on the Department of Health's website at: <http://www.advisorybodies.doh.gov.uk/acdp/tseguidance/>.

The Annex also contains a consensus statement from the British Society of Gastroenterology Decontamination Working Group and the ACDP TSE Working Group Endoscopy and vCJD Sub-group.

