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So, why should we pay attention to good vs. bad repairs? As we learned in the previous chapters, of our Instrument Expert series, knowing how to do proper repairs on surgical instruments requires years of training and a lot of practice. Just because something can be repaired, doesn't mean it should. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for service technicians, who lack proper training and knowledge about surgical instruments, to carry out poor-quality repairs. If not careful, those repairs could pose a potential safety risk to the end user and, most importantly, the patient.

Certain industry standards, which are often set by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) from the time of the production of a surgical instrument, carry over to the service side as well. In other words, the same high-quality standards that are followed by the OEM should also be applicable in the world of service. Altering of original equipment, by using non-OEM parts or by applying unsafe repair practices (for example, sharpening an instrument beyond its useful life), can compromise its form, fit, and function. Surgical instruments that have not been serviced properly can lead to delays in surgeries and will likely result in the overall dissatisfaction of the OR (Operating Room) staff.

The good news is that, with proper training, hospital staff who work in a Sterile Processing Department (SPD) can use a variety of tools and testing methods to help ensure that only safe instruments make it back to surgical sets. A lot of times, repair companies, can also provide instrument testing kits to hospital staff. At the end of the day, good repairs can have a positive and direct impact on the quality of a patient's life.

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Pawel completed his 5-year apprenticeship program (in Poland and Germany) to become a Master-craftsman in manufacturing, engineering, and service of surgical instruments. He is highly motivated and goal driven individual who has in depth knowledge about medical products.

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