

Introduction

These guidelines are intended to provide a better understanding of the care and handling of BioPro surgical instruments. These guidelines are not intended for use with electrical, pneumatic or other powered surgical instruments. All instruments are shipped in a NON-STERILE condition and must be cleaned and sterilized prior to use.

General Care and Handling

Use instruments only for their intended purpose, such as cutting, holding, retracting, torqueing, etc. Avoid undue stress or strain when handling or cleaning. Always transport contaminated or soiled items in or on a cart. Tap water can contain many minerals that may discolor and stain surgical instruments; therefore, it is recommended that deionized water be used for the final rinsing to prevent spotting. For instruments contaminated with protein material, prevention of drying prior to cleaning will facilitate cleaning. Placing instruments in water until cleaning can prevent drying.

Cleaning: Follow these steps to thoroughly clean all instruments

1. Submerge instruments in an enzymatic detergent. Prepare detergent according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Soak the instruments for ten (10) minutes in the protein solubilizing detergent.
2. Scrub the submerged instruments with a soft sponge and agitate.
3. Use a pipe cleaner or brush in any lumens and crevices.
4. Rinse in warm (38-49 degree C) tap water for one (1) minute.
5. Thoroughly flush all lumens and other difficult to reach areas.
6. Ultrasonically clean the instruments for ten (10) minutes in a neutral pH detergent (Neutrad or acceptable alternative). Prepare the detergent according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
7. Rinse the instruments with clean tap water for at least one (1) minute, repeat twice.
8. Dry the instruments thoroughly with a clean, lint free cloth.
9. Visually Inspect instruments for any damage or remaining contaminants instruments should be visually clean.
10. Repeat cleaning procedure if necessary if contamination remains. The instrument must be thoroughly clean.
11. Contact BioPro if any instruments are damaged.

NOTE: None of the instruments in the instrument trays require disassembly for Cleaning

Sterilization

Following the cleaning process, place a sterilization indicator in each instrument tray along with the instruments. Instrument tray is to be wrapped in a double layer of CSR wrap. Steam sterilization is required with the following parameters:

For pre-vacuum cycle:

Wrapped items: 4 minutes exposure at a minimum temperature of 132° C (270° F), maximum temperature of 143° C (290° F), 4 pulses, 30 minutes dry time

Examination Prior to Use

All instruments should be carefully examined for wear or damage by surgeons and staff in operating centers prior to surgery. The examination shall include a visual and functional inspection. It should also include verifying the cleanliness of the device, as well as the absence of any cracks, distortion, wear, corrosion, or other change.

Like any precision surgical device, all instruments should undergo regular checks by knowledgeable personnel to ensure that they remain in good condition and continue to act as intended. Do not use any instrument or device that is damaged, incomplete, showing signs of excessive wear and tear, or that has been repaired outside the control of the manufacturer.

Warnings and Precautions

- Devices must only be used by surgeons who have been trained in the surgical technique and are familiar with the instruments provided.
- Use care in handling and storage. Some instruments are sharp and incorrect use or handling may result in puncture wounds.
- Improper use may result in breakage of the instrumentation during operation.
- Remove all broken instrument fragments. As a result of mechanical features required, the device is made of medical grade but not implant grade materials. Failure to remove broken instruments from the patient could result in patient complications and further intervention.
- Incorrect maintenance, cleaning or handling may render the instrument unsuitable for its intended use, cause corrosion, dismantling, distortion and/or instrument breakage or injury to the patient or operating staff. Potential complications include device breakage, leaching of debris, lack of component engagement, infection, and damage to tissue.



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