



Care And Handling Procedure Of instruments

This product is supplied non-sterile. Federal (USA) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician. Inspect the instrument insulation frequently before and after each use for cracks, nicks, cuts, dents, and depressions which may decrease the effectiveness of the insulation, which in turn may lead to electric burn or shock when in contact with charged electrode. Avoid contact with sharp instruments. Always verify that there is never metal visible underneath the insulation coating.

Cleaning

Clean instrument thoroughly with a soft brush and mild soapy water to remove dried blood, fluid, or debris. Clean the inside of the smoke tube with a small brush or pipe cleaner. Ultrasonic cleaning is not recommended as it can lead to premature deterioration of the Leeps coating.

Disinfecting

The Leeps / Lletz "NLT Blue" insulation instrument may be disinfected with a Glutaraldehyde solution. Follow the manufacturer's instructions precisely for this procedure. These solutions are very aggressive and failure to follow cycle procedure will cause the instrument to degenerate over time. Do Not use Bleach!

Caution

- A. Do not leave the instruments in a disinfectant solution for more than 2 hours. Rinse off all traces of the disinfectant solution with sterile water.
- B. Once the instrument has been disinfected with a Glutaraldehyde solution, it may no longer be steam-autoclaved. Using both methods on an instrument may cause damage to the insulation.

Sterilization

Sterilization may be accomplished by ETO gas sterilization or by steam autoclave. The standard cycle for gravity displacement sterilizers is 250' F (120'C) for 30-minute exposure or 270"F (135"C) for 15-minute exposure which is the AAMI Standards and AORN Recommendation, or equivalent, as described in sterilizer manufacturer directions. Flash sterilization is not recommended for coated instruments.

Caution

DO NOT autoclave the instrument unwrapped. Protect the instrument from contact with other instruments during sterilization for the longest product life. DO NOT exceed 270°F (1 35°C). Allow 30 minutes after sterilization for instruments to dry and cool.

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