THE CONVENIENCE IS CLEAR

Save Time Using the New Welch Allyn KleenSpec[®] Disposable Specula



Two-Step Process to Use the Welch Allyn KleenSpec® Disposable Specula



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More Time Reprocessing Metal Specula

Five-Step Process to Use Metal Specula

STEP 1



CLINICIAN CONDUCTS PELVIC EXAM

STEP 2

STEP 3



CONTAIN & TRANSPORT

Immediately after use, place contaminated specula inside a container and tightly cover with a lid. Transport the contaminated specula to a designated cleaning area. Soaking the specula prior to washing will loosen cellular debris and facilitate cleaning, but do not use glutaraldehyde for this purpose.

CLEAN

The most critical step in the decontamination and sterilization process is cleaning specula to remove debris that interferes with the sterilization or disinfection process. Clean as soon as practically possible after use so that organic material will not dry on the specula. Until the cleaning process is initiated, minimize the handling of contaminated specula by personnel who are not wearing adequate, protective attire.

Clean by scrubbing the specula with a detergent solution or use a mechanical device such as an ultrasonic cleaner. When manually washing the specula, be sure to scrub them beneath the water with a soft-bristled brush; then rinse well under running water. Do not use sponges or wood-handled brushes for this process as these common cleaning tools are easily contaminated and harbor microorganisms.

STEP 4



DISINFECT OR STERILIZE

Vaginal specula contact patients' mucous membranes or non-intact skin, placing them in the "semicritical" category of items that require special handling and sterilization or high-level disinfection prior to reuse.

Autoclave* Remember to use chemical indicators with each autoclave load and biological indicators once per week.

*Step 4 Disinfect: If an autoclave is not available then High-Level Disinfection is required. Remove the lid from the soaking bin and carefully place pre-cleaned instruments in the disinfectant. The soaking bin should be labeled with the name of the disinfectant and a hazard warning. Strictly adhere to the immersion time specified by the product manufacturer. Step 5 Rinse & Inspect: Upon removing the instruments from the soaking solution, thoroughly rinse them with water, and then visually inspect instruments prior to stocking for reuse or storage.

STEP 5



INSPECT

Upon removing the instruments from the autoclave, visually inspect instruments prior to stocking for reuse or storage. Be especially vigilant about areas with serrations and crevices. Store in a clean, dry area.

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