

HOW TO CLEAN SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

Taking the time to properly clean and sterilize surgical instruments is imperative in ensuring patients do not get infections or other transmitted diseases.

Manual Cleaning

(Always wear protective gloves, gowns, face shields or goggles and head coverings)

- 1. Rinse instruments immediately after use.**
- 2. Use a scrub brush under running water to remove all blood and tissue on the surfaces and in the joints.**
- 3. In a sink or basin, mix ¼ oz. of Medical Enzyme Detergent – Super Concentrate per gallon of warm to hot water. Submerge the instruments into the solution and allow to soak for at least 2 minutes. Longer time may be required for dried-on blood and organic soils.**
- 4. Scrub the instruments with a brush or sponge.**
- 5. Rinse the instruments under water, sterile water if available, and allow to dry.**