

Prentif™ Cavity-Rim Cervical Cap Cleaning Options

It is very important that the fitting cervical caps are scrubbed thoroughly in a liquid detergent and water prior to any of the next options. This will remove most of the bioburden. Ideally, immediately after fitting, the cervical caps should be thrown into a liquid soapy solution so that the debris does not dry on the device before cleansing.

Autoclave Method:

Autoclave at 121 degrees C/15psi for 20 minutes unwrapped and 30 minutes wrapped. Allow to air dry- do not put through “dry cycle.” Keep in container until ready to use.

Clorox® Method:

Soak in 1:10 dilution for 30 minutes. Rinse thoroughly under running tap water. Soak in 70% isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol for 15 minutes. Rinse thoroughly under running tap water. Allow to air dry and keep in container until ready to use.

Cidex® Gluteraldehyde Method:

It is important to have adequate ventilation when using this method and running water. Immerse in 2% Cidex solution for 20 minutes at room temperature. Rinse and place in boiling water for 30 minutes. Allow to air dry and then keep in container until ready to use.

This method, although effective, will cause deterioration of the latex and as the solution is caustic, can be a hazardous substance to use in an office setting.

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