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Nursing Guideline
Cidex OPA

Cidex OPA is a non-glutaraldehyde high level disinfectant for reprocessing heat sensitive medical devices for which autoclaving is not suitable. Cidex OPA should not be used to process any urological instruments specifically on patients with a history of bladder cancer requiring repeated cystoscopy.

Use:

- When using Cidex OPA, gloves, gowns and eye protection are recommended.
- Use in a well ventilated area and store in container that has a tight-fitting lid
- Blood, other body fluids and lubricants must be thoroughly cleaned from the surfaces and lumens before high level disinfection by using Organisol
- Thoroughly rinse and rough dry all surfaces and lumens of cleaned devices
- Record the date the container was opened on the container label or in a log book...after opening the solution, remaining solution in the container may be stored for up to 75 days (providing the 75 days does not extend past the expiration date) until used
- Record the date solution was poured out of the original container into the secondary container or affix a label with date to secondary container. This solution is good for 14 days. The product must be discarded after 14 days even if the Cidex OPA solution test strip indicates a concentration above the Minimum Effective Concentration (MEC). Cidex OPA is to be tested with Cidex OPA solution test strips prior to each use to ensure MEC of ortho-phthalaldehyde is present
- Immerse device completely, filling all lumens and eliminating air pockets (if applicable) for a minimum of 12 minutes at 68 degrees F or higher to destroy all pathogenic microorganisms
- Remove device then thoroughly rinse the medical device by immersing it completely in a large volume (e.g. 2 gallons) of water. Use sterile water unless potable water is acceptable
- Keep device totally immersed for a minimum of 1 minute unless manufacturer requires a longer soaking time
- Remove device and discard water..... do not re-use water
- Repeat the procedure 2 additional times for a total of 3 rinses with large volumes of fresh water
- Sterile water rinses should be used on devices intended for use in normally sterile areas of the body and known immunocompromised patients