



ADVANCED STERILIZATION PRODUCTS®

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Dear Valued Customer;

Thank you for your trust and support of the CIDEX® Family of Solutions. The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to the importance of proper rinsing when using any high level disinfectant solution in a healthcare application. While the requirement for 3 separate rinses is not new, we recognize that not all of our customers were following the specific rinsing instructions.

As the world leader in healthcare liquid high level disinfectants, Advanced Sterilization Products (ASP) is taking the initiative to ensure that our customers are well informed of the directions for use on all of our products.

The three ASP brands are CIDEX® OPA Solution, CIDEX Activated Dialdehyde Solution, and CIDEXPLUS® Solution. These brands, as well as other liquid high level disinfectants on the market, generally require 3 separate rinses in large amounts of water following disinfection.

Please note the rinsing procedure for all devices, using CIDEX OPA Solution as an example:

- Following removal from CIDEX OPA Solution, thoroughly rinse the medical device by immersing it completely in a large volume (e.g., 2 gallons) of water; *always use fresh volumes of water for each rinse.*
- Keep the device totally immersed for a minimum of 1 minute in duration, unless a longer time is specified by the reusable device or equipment manufacturer.
- Remove the device and discard the rinse water.
- Repeat this procedure TWO (2) additional times, for a total of THREE (3) RINSES, with large volumes of fresh water (*sterile water unless potable water is acceptable*) to remove CIDEX OPA Solution residues.
- Discard the water following each rinse. *Do not reuse the water for rinsing or any other purpose.*
- **THREE (3) SEPARATE, LARGE VOLUME WATER IMMERSION RINSES ARE REQUIRED.**
- Note: Residues remaining on devices may cause serious adverse effects in patients.

Endoscopic instruments with lumens: A minimum of 500 mL of water should be flushed through all lumens during each separate rinse, unless otherwise noted by the endoscope manufacturer. Refer to the reusable medical device manufacturer's labeling for additional rinsing instructions.

Proper rinsing is imperative in order to avoid exposing patients to high level disinfectants. A copy of the IFU (Instructions For Use) for each of the three products mentioned above is included for your information.

The CIDEX Family of Solutions has been safely and effectively used by healthcare professionals for over 35 years. ASP will continue striving to provide you with innovative technologies for instrument reprocessing.

If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call ASP customer support at (888) 783-7723.

Sincerely,

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