

Instrument Processing Skills Checklist

Ipas MVA Plus and Ipas EasyGrip Cannulae

Skill	Yes	No	Comments
1. Decontamination Soak			
Fills a container with solution			
Wears gloves and face protection			
Draws solution into the aspirator and cannulae			
Submerges MVA instruments			
Uses gloves or forceps to remove			
2. Cleaning			
Wears barriers—gloves, gown, apron, face protection			
Cleans all instruments, removes tissue or blood, washes all surfaces in warm water and detergent if possible			
Flushes soapy water through the cannula; uses a cotton-tipped probe, soft brush or soft cloth to gently remove material			
Disassembles aspirator			
Uses a small brush to clean crevices and inside			
Cleans until no material is visible upon careful inspection			
Dries with a clean cloth if desired			
Discards the cannula if not possible to remove all matter			
3. HLD or Sterilize			
Method: Steam Autoclave (Sterilization)			
Places cannula and disassembled aspirator in paper or linen			
Places to allow steam contact to all surfaces, not obstructing openings			
Sterilizes at 121°C (250°F) for 30 minutes at 106 kPa (15 lbs/in ²)			
Cools before use			
Method: Glutaraldehyde (Sterilization)			
Immerses cannula and aspirator so solution fills them			
Soaks according to manufacturer's instructions (10 hours for Cidex)			
Removes with sterile forceps or gloves			
Rinses with sterile water			
Changes the solution every two weeks or per manufacturer's instructions			

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3. HLD or Sterilize (continued)			
Method: Glutaraldehyde (HDL)			
Immerses instruments so that solution fills them			
Soaks according to manufacturer's instructions (20 minutes for Cidex)			
Removes using HLD or sterile gloves or forceps			
Rinses with sterile or boiled water			
Method: 0.5 percent Chlorine (HLD)			
Immerses so that solution fills instrument			
Soaks in 0.5 percent chlorine solution for 20 minutes			
Removes using HLD or sterile gloves or forceps			
Rinses with boiled or sterile water			
Changes chlorine solution at least daily			
Method: Boiling (HLD)			
Ensures water is at a rolling boil			
Boils cannula and aspirator for 20 minutes			
Cools before removing			
Removes using HLD or sterile gloves or forceps			
Handles cannula by non-aperture end			
4. Handling, Storage, Reassembly			
Keeps in covered containers, protected from contaminants			
Processes instruments every day if processed using chemicals or boiling			
Keeps only a few instruments in each container			
Uses forceps to remove cannula by the non-aperture end; avoids touching the rest of the cannula			
Reassembles and tests vacuum of aspirator			