

Fiber Optic Laryngoscope Blades and Handles Sterilization Guidelines (Flexicare)

Flexicare Cleaning/Disinfection Instructions

Blades

1. Disconnect the blade from handle.
2. Rinse the blade under running water and remove all residuals/debris. If required use soft bristle brush to remove stubborn debris.
3. In the case of conventional blades the the bulb must be removed prior to disinfecting by autoclave or soaking.
4. Disinfect the blade in accordance to your hospital cleaning policy. If no policy exists then use one of the following:
 - Autoclave (max 134 degrees C (273 degrees F)
 - Cold soak Solutions (2% gluteraldehyde or equivalent solution)
 - Ethylene Oxide
 - Steris system

Handles

1. As above except batteries must be removed and in the case of Fiber Optic handles the bulb cartridge must also be removed prior to disinfecting by autoclave or soaking.
2. The bulb cartridge and bulb can be wiped with cloth dampened with 70% isopropyl alcohol.

When re-assembling check security of bulbs in handle or blade as applicable.

Test Procedure

Laryngoscope blades and handles should always be tested prior to use. To check, fit batteries into handle and connect blade to the handle. Pull to open position. The light should illuminate immediately. If unit fails to light or flickers check the security of the bulb and batteries.