


<b>Name of Policy:</b> <u>Handling Disinfectants</u> <b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-124-08 <b>Department:</b> Nursing Service/Operating Room <b>Approving Officer:</b> Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) <b>Responsible Agent:</b> Director Surgical Services <b>Scope:</b> Operating Room/Perioperative Services	  <b>Effective Date:</b> 12/1/2022 Initial Effective Date: February, 1999				
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### (A) Policy Statement

Personnel will follow appropriate safety precautions when using, mixing or disposing of glutaraldehyde and other disinfectants.

### (B) Purpose of Policy

To guide the use of disinfectants in the OR.

### (C) Procedure

1. Personnel will wear protective equipment: mask, gloves, long sleeved gown, and protective eyewear when using and disposing of disinfectants and dispose of disinfectants in soiled utility room hopper.
2. Disinfectants will be used in according to the manufacturer's instructions for use (IFU).
3. Soaking containers and bottled disinfectants will remain covered/closed when not being used.
4. All disinfectants will be clearly labeled with the solution, the date opened, the expiration date, and the lot number.

<b>Approved by:</b>  /s/ _____ Michelle Mallett, MSN, RN, CNOR Director Surgical Services Date _____  /s/ _____ Kurt Kless, MSN, MBA, RN, NE-BC Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) Date _____  Review: Policy & Standard Committee, 10/2011, 2/16, 8/19, 12/22 Revision completed by: Heidi Pitzen, MSN, BBA, RN, CNOR	<b>Review/Revision Date:</b> 7/2002 7/2005 10/2011 10/2014 2.1.2016 8/1/2019 12/1/2022  <b>Next Review Date:</b> 12/2025
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