Name of Policy: Handling Cidex and other Disinfectants
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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 glutaraldehyde and disinfectants in the Operating Room (OR).

(C) Procedure
1. Personnel will wear protective attire, mask, gloves, long sleeved gown and protective eyewear when mixing and disposing of disinfectants. Dispose of disinfectants in soiled utility room hopper.
2. Disinfectants will be mixed according to the manufacturer’s guidelines, and those used for surgical instrumentation will be monitored on a daily basis for concentration with a hospital approved monitor.
3. Soaking containers and bottled disinfectants will remain covered/closed when not being used.
4. All containers with disinfectants will be clearly labeled with the solution, the date mixed, who the solution was mixed by and the expiration date.

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