

Name of Policy: Handling Disinfectants Policy Number: 3364-124-08 Approving Officer: Chief Executive Officer Responsible Agent: Chief Nursing Officer Scope: The University of Toledo Medical Center Operating Room (OR)/Perioperative Services		 Effective date: 12/2025 Original 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 will dispose of disinfectants in soiled utility room hopper.
- (2) Disinfectants will be used 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.

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