**Name of Policy:** Handling of Cidex OPA  
**Policy Number:** 3364-135-027  
**Department:** Radiology  
**Approving Officer:** Chief Executive Officer - UTMC  
**Responsible Agent:** Interim Chairman & Professor, Radiology  
**Scope:** Radiology/Ultrasound  

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### A) Policy statement

Personnel will follow appropriate safety precautions when using, mixing or disposing of Ortho-phthalaldehyde-CidexOPA and other disinfectants.

### B) Purpose of policy

To guide the use of Ortho-phthalaldehyde-CidexOPA in the Ultrasound Department.

### 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.
3. Disinfectants use for Ultrasound probes will be monitored on a daily basis for concentration with a hospital-approved monitor.
4. Soaking containers and bottled disinfectants will remain covered/closed when not being used.
5. All original containers of Cidex OPA will be dated with date opened and expiration date.
6. All containers with prepared/mixed disinfectants will be clearly labeled with the solution, the date mixed, who the solution was mixed by, the expiration date and a hazardous material sticker.

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