

## STERILE PROCESSING PROCEDURE GENERAL

**Procedure SP2-8:**    **Decontamination of  
reusable brushes**



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**Responsibility:** Operations Manager,  
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**Purpose of Procedure:** To provide a safe standard  
of care, for all University of Toledo Medical Center  
Patients.

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Reusable devices used to clean medical instrumentation prior to further processing will be used according to the instructions for use.

Brushes that show wear will not clean thoroughly. Prompt cleaning of brushes and other cleaning implements reduces or eliminates biofilm-forming microorganisms and thus minimizes the formation of biofilm.

**Procedure:**

Reusable brushes will be cleaned, and disinfected after the cleaning procedure is completed, prior to using instrument from another patient.

Brushes will be cleaned as followed.

- (A)    Clean brush in enzymatic solution.
- (B)    Place brush in mechanical disinfectant (mechanical washer) for several minutes.
- (C)    When brushes are soiled and bent and can no longer be cleaned or used properly, discard.

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