

## ERBE APC Handle and Applicator Processing Instructions

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. THE APC HANDLE OR APPLICATOR MUST BE PROCESSED PRIOR TO ITS FIRST USE AND UPON EACH PATIENT USE. PROCESS EACH HANDLE AND APPLICATOR SEPARATELY (DETACHED).

### APC Handle and Applicator Manual Cleaning Guideline

Use this Guideline to manually clean the handle or applicator before they are sterilized.

1. **HANDLE OR APPLICATOR EXTERIOR-** Clean with water. Use of enzymatic detergents is acceptable. Rinse well.
2. **HANDLE LUMEN-** Flush any gross contaminants from the lumen with water/detergent or disinfectant. The lumen holds roughly 12cc of fluid. Use a 60cc luer lock syringe in the hose connection that fits into the filter. Both the syringe and hose end are 'male' connectors. A 'female-to-female' adapter will be required for leak-proof flushing. Flush through until clear.

Note: Most hospitals have adapters available. Common sources are stopcocks and intravenous fluid connectors. If you need to purchase adapters, call the Clinical Education and Support Manager at ERBE (800-778-3723) for information.

or

**APPLICATOR LUMEN-** Flush any gross contaminants from the lumen with water/detergent or disinfectant. The lumen holds roughly 1-2cc of fluid. Use a 10cc luer lock syringe with an ERBE Irrigation Adapter for Open and Laparoscopic Applicators.

3. **RINSE-** Thoroughly rinse any detergents/disinfectants out of the lumen with sterile water.

### APC Handle and Applicator Sterilization

1. **MANUALLY CLEAN-** Clean the handle or applicator prior to autoclaving (See above Guideline).
2. **PACKAGE-** Double wrap or seal pack the handle or applicator.
3. **AUTOCLAVE-** Sterilize in a Prevacuum (steam under pressure) Cycle for 4 Minutes at 270° F with a 20 Minute Drying Time.
4. **REMOVE FROM AUTOCLAVE/STORAGE-** Upon completing of the sterilization cycle, immediately remove the packaged handle or applicator. Store the packaged handle or applicator in a dry/contamination free environment prior to use.

If you have further questions, please call ERBE USA, Inc at 1-800-778-ERBE  
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