



# KERRISON PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE



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## **Kerrison Preventative Maintenance**

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Preventive maintenance (PM) is a necessary but often overlooked aspect of Kerrison Rongeurs. By keeping up with regular PM schedules, facilities ensure their equipment is always operating at peak condition. Nurses, surgical technicians, and sterile processing professionals play an important role in maintaining surgical equipment and keeping everyone safe in the OR. Effective communication between the departments will help prevent unwanted errors.

Performing PM regularly guarantees that the Kerrison Rongeurs can tackle even the toughest surgeries. When using replacement parts, always use the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) springs and screws. The springs and screws are set to certain tolerances; using anything else can really affect the function and feel during surgery.

The frequency of these scheduled PMs depends on your surgical volume – the more procedures you perform, the more regular this maintenance should be. But regardless of how often you schedule a PM for your Kerrison Rongeurs, know that keeping up with it can save you time, frustration, and money in the long run. We recommend doing this every six to nine months to ensure optimal performance and durability of your instruments.

During the PM inspection, most - if not all - springs should be replaced. Putting on a new set of springs after the old set has worn out will give the rongeur a new life. Doing a thorough check of all inspection points should be done and the instruments should be sufficiently lubricated. Checking sharpness by biting a business card and having a clean cut will ensure a nice bite every time your surgeon uses them.

Have more questions for this expert? Contact Alex at: [alex@wigginsmedical.com](mailto:alex@wigginsmedical.com)

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# Alex Ebner

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Two decades of Medical Device experience in Sales, Marketing, Quality, Regulatory, Management, Product development and design. Alex founded ACE Medical Company in 2011 as a regional distribution company focused on better instruments for surgery. In 2015, ACE began manufacturing our first surgical instruments, a Kerrison Rongeur in our South German factory. Now, they manufacture in 8 different Surgical Instrument factories throughout Europe and the United States with global distribution in 27 countries. In 2017 Alex acquired Wiggins Medical, a leading Kerrison Rongeur manufacturer with customers in all 50 states and a reputation for quality innovative instruments. Alex travels often to Germany to meet with manufacturers and hand select the instruments they manufacture.



Stay tuned to his Kerrison Rongeur Expert Series so you can learn more about how industry conversations and best practices are impacting this unique surgical instrument!

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