

Keys to Ultrasonic Success

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The success of ultrasonic cleaning depends on how instruments are tended to prior cleaning. The vast majority of surgical instruments are indicated for ultrasonic cleaning. So with reason, ultrasonic cleaning plays an extremely vital role in reprocessing surgical instruments. With that level of responsibility, proper cleaning workflow can only be done by strictly following the instrument IFUs. One method that adds efficiency to your workflow is diving right into to the guidance you need. The entire IFU is important, but if you focus on a specific task like ultrasonic cleaning, open your electronic IFU, press Control-F (Command-F on a Mac) to bring up the Search field, and enter your search term (e.g., Ultrasonic). You'll be taken to the first and subsequent entries on what you need to know so you can carry out or confirm your responsibilities. If a single aspect of the surgical workflow is not functioning optimally, then the entire process is compromised. With point-of-use/care cleaning, instruments must be kept moist to prevent the formation of biofilm and bioburden that adhere so well to instruments from drying on surfaces. One thing is certain, if you preclean instruments and inspect them, leaving no evidence of residual bioburden, then you will be better assured those instruments will ultimately be safe to use. Above all, communication is key to a successful workflow. Keep all channels of communication open and communicate often, and continue to work with the OR staff to stay on top of all your efforts.

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