RESTERILIZATION INSTRUCTION

Micro Feather with aluminium handle

General Information
The Feather scalpels are shipped sterile. The instructions provided assists in obtaining the highest quality performance. Each scalpel can be autoclaved and reused on responsibility of the surgeon. The number of the cases per instrument depends on how the scalpels are used and handled.

Effective cleaning/disinfection is the indispensable prerequisite for effective resterilization of the products. Please ensure that only adequately validated device and product-specific processes are used for cleaning/disinfection and sterilization and that the validated parameters are adhered to in each cycle. In addition, please observe the statutory regulation in your country as well as the rules of hygiene of the hospital or clinic.

Cleaning and disinfection
1. Clean the scalpel with distilled or sterile water immediately after use. Use a piece of gauze or other similar material. Wipe the blade softly from the shaft to the tip. Be sure to wipe away from cutting edge.
2. If available, clean the scalpel in an ultrasonic bath. Therefore, position the scalpel in the try and remove it from the tray after cleaning.
   **WARNING! : Do not mechanically clean / disinfect the scalpel with alkaline solution, as this could damage the coating of the handle.**
3. Dry the scalpel thoroughly. Use a piece of gauze or other similar material. Wipe the blade softly from the shaft to the tip. Be sure to wipe away from the cutting edge.
4. Return the scalpel to the plastic case. Be sure that it is fixed securely.

Resterilization
- Resterilize the scalpel using autoclave (temperature: at 134°C or 273°F, Minimum exposure time: 18 minutes)
- The manufacturer will accept no responsibility should other sterilization processes (e.g., hot-air, ethylene oxide, formaldehyde, radiation or low-temperature plasma sterilization) be used.

Attention: Prior to reuse, microscopically inspect the blade. Do not use if blade is damaged.
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