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Reprocessing Instructions for Reusable Surgical Instruments

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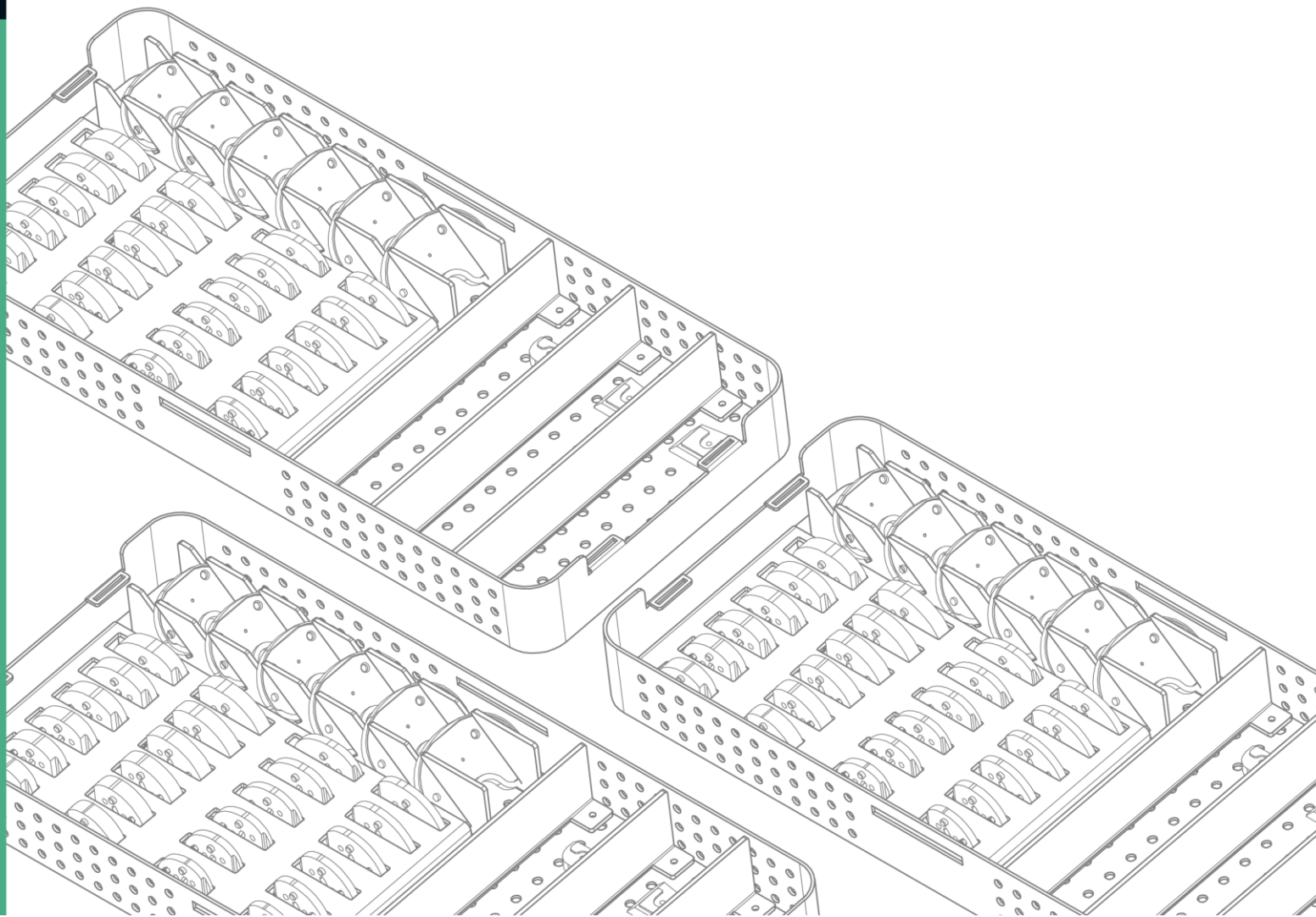

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DESCRIPTION

Reprocessing instructions are intended for health care professionals. This material is intended to assist hospital personnel in safe handling, and effective reprocessing **reusable surgical instruments**, instrument trays and cases supplied **Non-Sterile** by United Orthopedic Corporation (United). All hip, knee, trauma, and extremity of United reusable medical instruments must be cleaned, inspected, packaged and sterilized prior to use.

United has validated the processes provided in reprocessing instructions to be capable of being effective. Equipment, operators, cleaning agents and procedures all contribute to the efficacy of the processing. Alternative methods of reprocessing outside the scope of these instructions may be suitable for reprocessing; however, those must be validated by the end user. In the event of conflicting national cleaning and sterilization requirements, these shall prevail over United recommendations.

PRODUCT MATERIALS

Aluminum alloy
Cobalt/Chromium alloys
Stainless steels
Titanium
Titanium alloys
Titanium Nitride coatings
Polymers
Silicone rubber

INTENDED PURPOSE

United surgical instruments are designed for United implant systems and intended to be used by orthopedic surgeons to facilitate the implantation or explanation of specific implants described in the product-specific surgical technique.

The use of the identified instrumentation in accordance with its applicable surgical technique is essential to achieve the intended placement of the implant as described in the relevant surgical technique. The use of incompatible instruments (e.g., from another system) may lead to unpredictable short- and long- term clinical consequences. The incorrect use of the subject instrumentation may also lead to short- and long-term clinical consequences.

Instrument trays and cases are intended to facilitate the organization, identification, storage, transportation, cleaning, sterilization and reprocessing of instruments.

General surgical instruments are available to facilitate surgical procedures to implant system.

INDICATIONS, CONTRAINDICATIONS AND PATIENT POPULATION

Information relating to indications, contraindications, patient population and clinical benefits can be found in the specific implant instructions for use.

CAUTIONS

1. **Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed healthcare practitioner.**

   Following symbol: 

2. Reprocessing instructions apply to:
   - **Reusable surgical instruments** are supplied **Non-Sterile** by United
   - Instruments are intended for reprocessing in a health care facility setting
3. **Reprocessing instructions Do not** apply to single-use devices including implants.
4. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** should be worn when handling or working with contaminated or potentially contaminated devices. PPE includes gown, mask, goggles or face shield and shoe covers.
5. **Do not** place heavy instruments on top of delicate devices.
6. **Do not** use metal brush, scouring pads, abrasive cleaner during manual cleaning procedures. These materials will damage the surface and finish of instruments. Soft-bristled, nylon brushes and pipe cleaner brushes should be used.
7. Select cleaning agents with the following characteristics: pH 7~9, low foaming surfactants (soap/detergent), nonabrasive, free-rinsing, biodegradable and environmentally friendly. Cleaning agents must be easily and completely rinsed from device surfaces to prevent accumulation of detergent residue.
8. Manual scrubbing with brushes should always be performed with the instrument below the surface of the cleaning solution to prevent formation of aerosols and splashing which may spread contaminants.
9. **Do not** use saline and cleaning/disinfection agents containing aldehyde, mercury, active chlorine, bromine, or iodide. These materials are corrosive and should not be used.
10. **Do not** place or soak instruments in Ringers Solution.
11. **Do not** use lubricants that contain oil/petroleum. These may: 1) coat microorganisms; 2) prevent direct contact of the surface with steam; and/or 3) be difficult to remove.
12. **Do not** place devices that are not manufactured and/or distributed by United into trays/cases intended for United devices. Only devices manufactured and/or distributed by United should be placed in United instrument trays and cases. These validated reprocessing instructions are not applicable to devices that are not manufactured

and/or distributed by United.

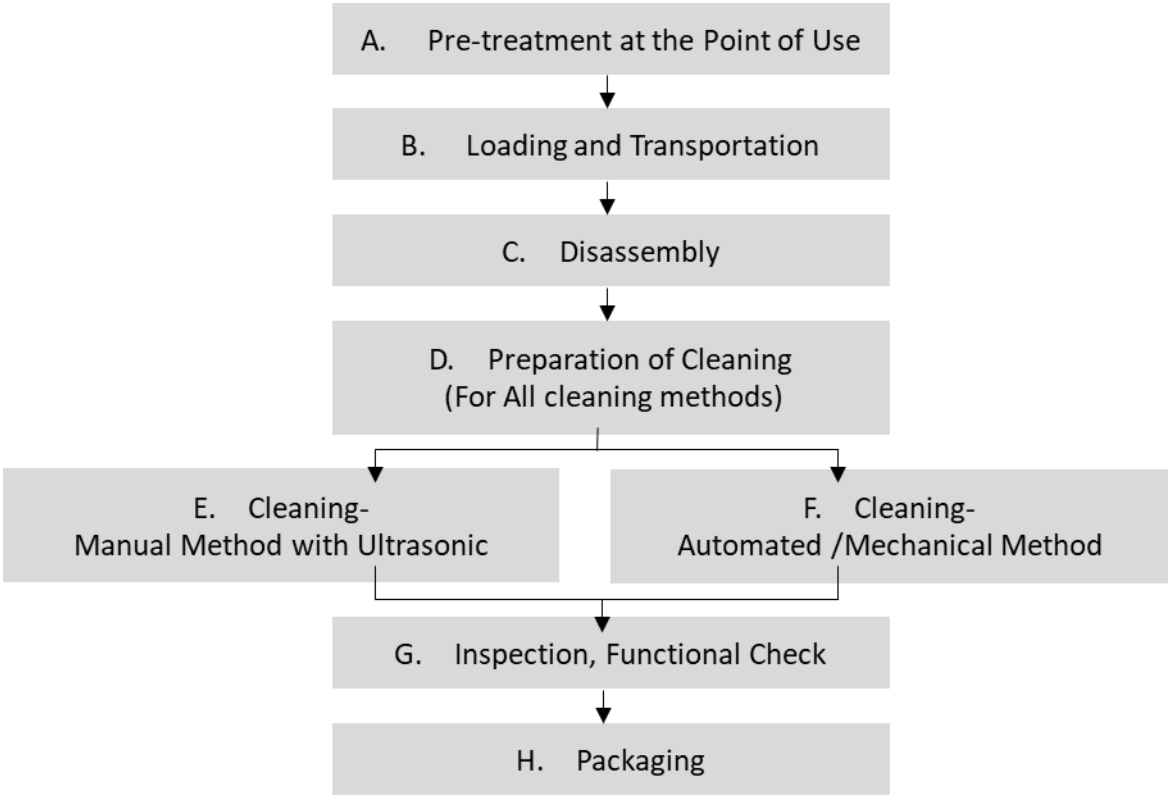
13. **Do not** use descaling agents that include morpholine in steam sterilizers. These agents leave residue which may damage polymer instruments over time.
14. **Do not** stack cases or trays during sterilization. Stacking may limit steam penetration and prevent effective sterilization of the instruments.
15. To avoid potentially severe surface damage to polymers, the temperature of washer or sterilizers must less than 140°C (270°F).
16. **Do not** use concentrated alcohol, and certain liquid chemical sterilants (LCSs)/high-level disinfectants (HLDs) (e.g., ortho-phthalaldehyde (OPA)). These can damage instruments.
17. Instruments may have sharp edges. Handle with care.
18. Always contain and transport devices in a labeled, closed, puncture proof container per OSHA requirements.
19. Improper cleaning and/or sterilization may cause patient infection and generate associated health problems.

LIMITATIONS ON REPROCESSING

The useful life of these devices depends on many factors including the method and duration of each use, and the handling between uses. Careful inspection and functional test of the device before use is the best method of determining the end of serviceable life of the medical device. Evidence of damage and wear on a device may include but is not limited to corrosion (i.e. rust, pitting), discoloration, excessive scratches, flaking, wear and cracks. Improperly functioning, unrecognizable markings, missing or removed part numbers, damaged, excessively worn and not repaired or reconditioned by United authorized personnel devices should not be used. If there is a need to return instruments to your sales representative or United, the devices must be cleaned, packaged, and sterilized before returning.

CLEANING, INSPECTION, PACKAGING

Please follow the reprocessing sequence in the following table to clean, inspect and package, the manual and automated cleaning instructions in Sections E. or F. must be used to clean the reusable surgical instruments, instrument trays, and cases. The overview of reprocessing sequence to clean, inspect and package in the chart below.



A. Pre-treatment at the Point of Use	● Remove contamination: As soon as possible after use, remove all visual soil with a disposable wipe, rinse and flush lumened/cannulated devices with sterile or critical water to prevent the drying of soil and/or debris. .
B. Loading and Transportation	● Reprocess the used instruments as soon as possible, and do not delay subsequent cleaning steps for more than 2 hours. Delays may create conditions favorable to microbial growth, which may make cleaning more difficult. ● If transfer to the reprocessing area is likely to be delayed, cover the medical devices with a damp cloth to avoid drying.

	● Place each instrument in its respective position within the instrument tray. The position of the instrument is labeled in its intended position within the tray.
C. Disassembly	● Refer to Instrument Disassembly/Assembly and Specific Cleaning Instructions for disassembly of multi-piece or complex instruments. Care should be taken to avoid losing small screws and components. The disassembly instructions are available from your local sales representative or United website https://www.unitedorthopedic.com/medical-professional-download/. ● There are five categories of United Knee system instruments that need to be disassembled： 1. Femoral IM Alignment Guide 2. Patellar Reamer Stopper 3. Patellar Resection Clamp 4. Tibial EM Alignment Guide 5. Tibial IM Alignment Guide ● There are seven categories of United Hip system instruments that need to be disassembled： 1. Cup Impactor, Offset 2. Cup Locator Block 3. Cup Reamer Handle 4. Cup Reamer Handle, Straight, EZ Clean 5. Cup Reamer Handle, Offset 6. Cup Reamer Handle, Offset (Carbon) 7. Depth Gauge
D. Preparation of Cleaning (For All cleaning methods)	● Prepare a cleaning solution (Enzymatic/Detergent) with proven efficacy and neutral pH 7~9 in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. ● Tap water is used primarily for flushing, washing and rinsing. Cold tap water is at less 40°C. ● Purified water: Purified water is categorized as critical water according to AAMI TIR34, used for the final rinse. Warm purified

	water is at 30~ 44°C. Hot purified water is at more than 44°C. ● Equipment: various sized soft-bristled brushes, lint-free cloths syringes, pipettes and/or water jet, ultrasonic cleaner, cleaning bath or vessel large enough to allow complete immersion of the instruments.
E. Cleaning-Manual Method with Ultrasonic	Step 1) **Soak** soiled instruments, instrument trays, and cases and prevent air bubbles to ensure that all surfaces have contact with an enzyme solution for a minimum recommended time specified by the enzymatic cleaning solution manufacturer or 20 minutes, whichever is longer. Step 2) **Brush** the instruments, instrument trays, and cases at least 10 times with cleaned soft-bristled, nylon brush to clean and remove all traces of blood and debris. Particular attention must be given to crevices, lumens, mated surfaces, connectors and other hard-to-clean areas. Lumens should be cleaned with a long, narrow, soft-bristled brush (i.e., pipe cleaner brush). Move and/or retract all movable parts and remove soil using a brush. For flexible shafts and springs, flex and relax the instrument under the cleaning solution while brushing. Step 3) **Flush** each difficult to brush area thoroughly and aggressively in cold tap water for a minimum of 30 seconds. Use of a syringe or water jet will improve flushing of difficult to reach areas and closely mated surfaces. Repeat step 2~3 until all visible soil has been removed. Step 4) **Rinse** the instruments, instruments trays, and cases in cold tap water for a minimum of 3 minutes. Step 5) **Ultrasonic cleaning**: Fully soak the opened instrument, instruments trays, and cases and prevent air bubbles to ensure that all surfaces have contact with an enzyme cleaning solution for 30 minutes at 45-50 kHz. Step 6) **Rinse** the instrument, instrument trays, and cases in cold tap water for a minimum of 3 minute. Repeat steps 2–6, until no visible debris, soil, enzyme cleaning solution remains on device. Step 7) **Perform a final rinse** of the instruments, instruments trays, and cases in **warm** critical water for a minimum of 3 minutes to irrigate the challenging design features. Step 8) **Dry** the instruments, instrument trays, and cases after final rinse with a clean towel or clean compressed air until visibly dry.

F. Cleaning - Automated /Mechanical Method

Step 1) Soak soiled instruments, instrument trays, and cases and prevent air bubbles to ensure that all surfaces have contact with an enzyme solution for a minimum recommended time specified by the enzymatic cleaning solution manufacturer or 20 minutes, whichever is longer.

Step 2) Brush the instruments, instrument trays, and cases at least 10 times with cleaned soft-bristled, nylon brush to clean and remove all traces of blood and debris. Particular attention must be given to crevices, lumens, mated surfaces, connectors and other hard-to-clean areas. Lumens should be cleaned with a long, narrow, soft-bristled brush (i.e., pipe cleaner brush). Move and/or retract all movable parts and remove soil using a brush. For flexible shafts and springs, flex and relax the instrument under the cleaning solution while brushing.

Step 3) Flush each difficult to brush area thoroughly and aggressively in cold tap water for a minimum of 30 seconds. Use of a syringe or water jet will improve flushing of difficult to reach areas and closely mated surfaces. Repeat step 2~3 until all visible soil has been removed.

Step 4) Rinse the instruments, instruments trays, and cases in cold tap water for a minimum of 3 minutes.

Step 5) Ultrasonic cleaning: Fully soak the opened instrument, instruments trays, and cases and prevent air bubbles to ensure that all surfaces have contact with an enzyme cleaning solution for 30 minutes at 45-50 kHz.

Step 6) Rinse the instrument, instrument trays, and cases in cold tap water for a minimum of 3 minute. Repeat steps 2–6, until no visible debris, soil, enzyme cleaning solution remains on device.

Step 7) Load the instruments (either in the device tray with lid off, or evenly on the washer tray) in the washer such that all design features of the device are accessible to cleaning and such features that retain liquid can drain (for example, hinges should be open and lumens and holes positioned to drain.)

Step 8) Process parameters follow "INSTRUMENT" cycle parameters validated by mechanical washer manufacturer and a pH neutral cleaning agent intended for use in automated cleaning using the **MINIMUM** cycle parameter set points below:

Cycle	Minimum Time	Temperature	Liquid
Pre-wash	2 minutes	<40°C	Tap water
Wash I	5 minutes	30~44°C	Enzymatic solution
Wash II	5 minutes	66°C	Neutral pH Detergent solution
Rinse	10 minutes	>44°C	Critical water
Drying	30 minutes	100°C	None

G. Inspection, Functional Check

- **Visual inspect** all instruments, instrument trays, cases after processing prior to sterilization for: (Generally un-magnified visual inspection under good light conditions.)

  Cleanliness: Ensure the complete removal of soil from surfaces, tubes and holes, moveable parts. If soil is still present, re-clean the instrument. Particular attention should be paid to: Soil "traps" such as mating surfaces, hinges, shafts of flexible reamers; recessed features (holes, cannulations) ; features where soil may be pressed into contact with the device, e.g., drill flutes adjacent to the cutting tip, sides of teeth on broaches and rasps.

  Note: If contamination is noted repeat the cleaning process.

  Completeness, damage and/or excessive wear: Visually inspect for no damage including but not limited to, malfunction, burrs, wear, tear, corrosion (rust, pitting), discoloration, creaked seals, excessive scratches, and flaking.

  Note : If damage or wear is noted that may compromise the function of the instrument, contact your sales or United.

- **Functional check** should be performed. Improperly functioning devices, devices with unrecognizable markings, missing or removed (buffed off) part numbers, damaged and worn devices should not be used. The disassembled instruments should be

reassembled to check the function. Refer to Instrument Disassembly/Assembly and Specific Cleaning Instructions for assembly of multi-piece or complex instruments. The assembly instructions are available from your local sales representative or United website https://www.unitedorthopedic.com/medical-professional-download/.

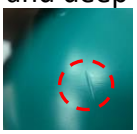
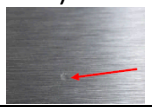
There are five categories of United Knee system instruments that need to be reassembled：

1. Femoral IM Alignment Guide
2. Patellar Reamer Stopper
3. Patellar Resection Clamp
4. Tibial EM Alignment Guide
5. Tibial IM Alignment Guide

There are seven categories of United Hip system instruments that need to be reassembled ：

1. Cup Impactor, Offset
2. Cup Locator Block
3. Cup Reamer Handle
4. Cup Reamer Handle, Straight, EZ Clean
5. Cup Reamer Handle, Offset
6. Cup Reamer Handle, Offset (Carbon)
7. Depth Gauge

Check Items	Suitable for Use	Not Suitable for Use
Assemble	Reassembled successfully.	Can't be reassembled such as missing parts or can't be moved smoothly.
Hinged instruments	Smooth operation throughout the intended range of motion.	Can't be operated as intended.
Locking mechanisms	Can be locked to the position as intended and not loosening.	Unable to lock.

Cutting features Reamer/Drill	Edges should be continuous without burrs. 	Edge distortion/large nicks. 
Trials	Smooth and free of cracks and deep nicks. (Minor cracks don't affect the smooth operation and are acceptable.) 	Cracks and deep nicks. 
Hammering surfaces	Without burrs and large nicks.	Loose burrs or large nicks. 
Flexible features	Flex and relax to inspect flexible feature like shafts, springs for any damage and major deformation 	Major deformation or can't operate smoothly. 
Instrument tray/case	Inspect for burrs and locking from damage the wrap. (Minor burr is acceptable.) 	Burrs or locking mechanism loosening which may damage the wrap. 
UDI Information	Use DataMatrix barcode scanners to scan the UDI carrier to check is readable.	Can't read UDI code.

Note: If any status above is noted, **do not** use the instrument, and contact your sales or United. The instruments can be reused only if it is reconditioned by United.

H. Packaging

- Use instrument cases to contain cleaned, checked, drying instruments that are provided in the instrument sets.
- For a sterilization wrap: United cases should be double wrapped according to AAMI/CSR technique. The packaging for terminally sterilized re-usable instruments should meet the following requirements: ISO 11607-1, CE Mark, or FDA clearance, suitable for steam sterilization. **In the United States (US), only use an FDA-cleared Sterilization wrap.**
- For a rigid steam sterilization container system: Aesculap SterilContainer System -JN-400~JN-446 included with base vents use as packaging for the instrument sets. No more than one case can be placed directly into a rigid steam sterilization container.
- **The total weight of a wrapped instrument case should not exceed 11.4kg/25lbs.**

STERILIZATION

Using ANSI/AAMI ST79 *Comprehensive Guide to Steam Sterilization and Sterility Assurance in Health Care* is recommended to be steam sterilized by the health care facility using the process parameters below, which has been validated by United under laboratory conditions to provide a 10^{-6} sterility assurance level (SAL). A verified, properly maintained and calibrated steam sterilizer is recommended. The process parameters of sterilization should be followed explicitly. It is the responsibility of the medical facility to ensure that reprocessing is performed using the appropriate equipment and materials, and that personnel in the reprocessing facility have been adequately trained.

- **In the United States**

Cycle Type	Pulse Number	Exposure Temperature	Minimum Exposure time	Minimum Drying times
Dynamic-Air-Removal (Pre-vacuum)	4	132°C (270°F)	4 minutes	30 minutes

- **Outside United States**

Cycle Type	Pulse Number	Exposure Temperature	Minimum Exposure time	Minimum Drying times
Dynamic-Air-Removal (Pre-vacuum)	4	132~135°C (270~275°F)	4 minutes	30 minutes

STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

After sterilization, re-usable instruments should be stored in the sterilization wrap or rigid steam sterilization container system in a dry and dust-free place. The shelf life is depending on the sterile barrier employed, storage manner, environmental conditions, and handling. Instruments must be examined for possible damage before use. Protective caps or other protective elements must be removed before cleaning.

DISPOSAL INFORMATION

After use, an instrument is a potential biohazard, since it may be contaminated with blood or other body fluids, bone, or other tissue. Handle and dispose of this product in accordance with accepted medical practice and with applicable local, state, and national laws and regulations. In the event of an alleged product failure, it is important to have the instrumentation returned to United for investigation.

Any sharp objects should be disposed of immediately after use into a sharps container conforming to national laws. The sharp object must not be bent, broken or resheathed prior to disposal.

ADVERSE INCIDENT REPORTING

For EU users, if any serious incident that has occurred in relation to the device should be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority of the Member State or appropriate Federal Government agency (i.e., in the United States, reports are made to the FDA) in which the user and/or patient is established.

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SYMBOLS GLOSSARY

Symbol(s)	Title of symbol	Description of symbol	Standard / Ref. No.
MD	Medical Device	Indicates the item is a medical device. On the implant card, this symbol is used to indicate the device name (MDCG 2019-8 v2 Guidance document Implant Card relating to the application of Article 18 Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2017 on medical devices).	ISO 15223-1 / 5.7.7
REF	Catalogue number	Indicate the manufacturer's catalogue number.	ISO 15223-1 / 5.1.6
LOT	Batch code	Indicate the manufacturer's batch code.	ISO 15223-1 / 5.1.5
	Manufacturer	Indicate the medical device manufacturer, as defined in EU Directives 93/42/EEC and EU Regulation 2017/745.	ISO 15223-1 / 5.1.1
	Caution	Indicate the need for the user to consult the instructions for use for important cautionary information such as warnings and precautions that cannot, for a variety of reasons, be presented on the medical device itself.	ISO 15223-1 / 5.4.4
EC REP	Authorized representative in the European Community	Indicate the authorized representative in the European Community.	ISO 15223-1 / 5.1.2
Rx only	Rx only	Prescription Only. Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed healthcare practitioner.	1. 21 CFR 801.15(c)(1)(i)F 2. 21 CFR 801.109
Non-Sterile	Non-Sterile	Indicate the device is supplied non-sterile.	NA. United internal symbology.
CE 2797	CE Marking	Indicate a presumption of conformity with the relevant EU Directives/REGULATION. Refer to	1.Directive 93/42/EEC

		label for CE mark and identification number of the notified body responsible for conformity assessment (if applicable).	2.Regulation (EU) 2017/745
QTY	Quantity	Indicate the quantity in a package of the medical device.	NA. United internal symbology.
	Unique Device Identifier (UDI)	Indicates a carrier that contains Unique Device Identifier information.	ISO 15223-1 / 5.7.10
	Importer	Indicates the entity importing the medical device into the locale.	ISO 15223-1 / 5.1.8

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