



Forceps Cleaning

All instruments need to be cleaned before they are sterilized. Oils left behind from the manufacturing process can be baked onto the forceps and cause staining if proper cleaning is not completed prior to sterilization. All forceps should be washed with a non-corrosive, low suds, neutral detergent. Instrument cleaning can be accomplished by hand scrubbing or ultrasonic cleaning.

Stainless Steel Instruments

While stainless steel has superior corrosion resistance, it will discolor and corrode when exposed to higher than recommended chemical concentrations or certain chemicals.

Stainless steel **should not be exposed** to the following chemicals for more than **four hours**:

Aluminum Chloride

Barium Chloride

Bichloride of Mercury

Calcium Chloride

Carbolic Acid

Chlorinated Lime

Citric Acid

Dakin's Solution

Ferrous Chloride

Lysol

Mercuric Chloride

Mercury Salts

Phenol

Potassium Permanganate

Potassium Thiocyanate

Sodium Hypochlorite

Stannous Chloride

Tartaric Acid

The following chemical should **never** be used with stainless steel

Aqua Regia

Ferric Chloride

Sulphuric Acid

Hydrochloric Acid

Iodine

After cleaning, follow proper **Heat Sterilization** method preferred and used in office.