



## **LEEP IFU- Instrument Care and Cleaning Guidelines**

### **CLEANING**

Clean instrument thoroughly with a soft brush and mild soapy water to remove dried blood, fluid, or debris. Clean inside of smoke tube with small brush or pipe cleaner. DO NOT place instruments in ultrasonic cleaner.

### **DISINFECTION**

The LEEP instrument may be disinfected with a glutaraldehyde solution. Follow the disinfectant manufacturer's instructions for this procedure precisely. These solutions are very aggressive and failure to follow cycle procedure will cause instrument degradation over time. DO NOT use bleach.

CAUTION: DO NOT leave instruments in a disinfectant solution for more than two hours. Rinse off all traces of the disinfectant solution with sterile water.

- Once the instrument has been disinfected with a glutaraldehyde solution, it may no longer be steam autoclaved. Using both methods on an instrument will cause damage to the insulation.

### **STERILIZATION**

Sterilization may be accomplished by ETO gas sterilization or by steam autoclave. Steam autoclave at 270° F for 10 minutes, or equivalent, as described in sterilizer manufacturer directions. Flash sterilization is not recommended for coated instruments.

CAUTION: DO NOT autoclave instrument unwrapped. Protect instrument from contact with other instruments during sterilization for longest product life.

- DO NOT exceed 275° F (135° C) • Allow 30 minutes after sterilization for instruments to dry and cool.