

## **Probe Cleaning Instructions**

### **Prior to cleaning probe:**

- A disposable gown and face mask is recommended when transporting/washing probes. Always uses gloves
  - Transport probe in two layer containers (probe placed within basin, with basin being placed into a closed plastic container)
  - Cover the connector area with a water-proof element to avoid moisture entering during the entire cleaning process
  - A timer is recommended to be set for each cleaning step
  - If there is an exorbitant amount of fecal matter on probe, wipe off excess prior to wash
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1. **Cleaning Rinse- 3 Minutes running water:** (1 of 3 rinse cycles) - Thoroughly rinse external surface using a continuous flow of potable water at temperature less than 113°F (filtered or sterile water may be used).
  2. **Cleaning Detergent- 5 Minutes Water and Detergent bath:** Submerge probe in Valsure® Enzymatic Cleaner using the instructions for amount of detergent needed for warm water ratio.
  3. **Cleaning Rinse- 3 Minutes running water:** (2 of 3 rinse cycles) - Thoroughly rinse external surface using a continuous flow of water.
  4. **High Level Disinfection (HLD) - 12 Minutes:** Submerge probe in CIDEX® (recommended under air filtration). DO NOT GO BEYOND 12 MINUTES. CIDEX is extremely corrosive.
  5. **Cleaning Rinse- 3 Minutes running water:** (3 of 3 rinse cycles) - Thoroughly rinse external surface using a continuous flow of water.
  6. **Dry-** Visually inspect catheter surface to ensure no residual moisture before storing. The probe may be lightly padded dry avoiding direct pressure to the sensors.

When opening up a new bottle of Detergent and CIDEX, dates need to be written on the bottles to keep track of when the fluids are reusable. The detergent will visibly start to go bad, but the shelf-life of CIDEX is 2 weeks after pouring in amount for submersion basin that will be used for CIDEX to clean probe. Please dispose of CIDEX in basin after 2 week mark. Everything in the CIDEX bottle is good up to 1 month after opening. For the duration of the 2 weeks after pouring CIDEX into basin used for probe submersion, always check with CIDEX OPA test strips to see if fluid is still potent (will show purple if still good to use).

**DISPOSING OF CIDEX:** Please do not dispose of CIDEX in the sink without neutralizing the fluid. Use a CIDEX OPA test strip to see if the CIDEX has expired from basin used to clean probes prior to the 2 weeks end with each use. If the strip is purple, it is still potent, but if the test strip is blue, it has lost potency. Either way, the fluid will need to be neutralized using PolyForm-F Aldehyde Neutralizer. Follow instructions for amount to use for ratio, and leave for 15 minutes. Test again with test strip that strip colors blue, and now can be safely discarded down the drain.



Filtration Control System  
(PCI Air Control  
recommended)



Detergent



CIDEX



OPA Test Strips



Aldehyde Neutralizer