

**SURGICAL INSTRUMENT CLEANING
COMPETENCY-BASED PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST**

Key

1 = Competent to perform independently

2 = Needs Improvement

NAME _____ DATE _____

REVIEWER _____

Manual Cleaning – General Competencies	
Cleans instruments in dedicated cleaning area away from patient care	
Selects appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and dons correctly	
Identifies and separates instruments requiring manual cleaning	
Disassembles and opens instruments	
Rinses with cold/cool water	
Vertically soaks lumens that requiring soaking	
Selects appropriate detergent	
Mixes and uses according to instructions for use: Water temperature Concentration Contact time	
Cleans immersible instruments below surface of the water using nonabrasive cloth	
Selects brushes of appropriate length and diameter	
Identifies and brushes serrations, box locks and hard-to-clean areas	
Thoroughly flushes and brushes lumens	
Rinses thoroughly	
Dries thoroughly with lint-free towel	
Discards single-use brushes, disinfects reusable brushes daily	
Powered and non immersible instruments not immersed	
Other:	
Ultrasonic Cleaning	
Selects and dons appropriate PPE	
Removes/cleans gross debris from instruments prior to immersion in ultrasonic machine	
Inspects cleaning solution before use and changes if needed	
Degasses solution if required	
Determines device compatibility with ultrasonic cleaning process – consults device manufacturer’s instructions for use	
Follows manufacturer’s instruction for use	
Operates ultrasonic cleaner in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions for use	