



Care & Maintenance of Instruments – Amalgam Carriers

1. **Preparation of New Instruments:**
 - Clean and lubricate brand-new instruments before their first sterilization.
2. **Post-Use Cleaning and Sterilization:**
 - After each use, promptly disinfect, clean, lubricate, and sterilize the instruments.
3. **Disinfection Methods:**
 - Disinfect using chemo-thermal, thermal methods, or immerse in a combined disinfecting and cleaning solution.
4. **Cleaning Delicate Instruments:**
 - Use ultrasonic treatment for delicate instruments.
5. **Rinsing:**
 - Thoroughly rinse instruments after cleaning. Preferably use dematerialized water.
6. **Drying:**
 - Ensure instruments are adequately dried after rinsing.
7. **Lubrication:**
 - Apply a lubricating agent based on paraffin oil to instruments with joints, ratchets, or threads.
8. **Sterilization Process:**
 - During sterilization, ensure only the first ratchet on the instruments is closed.
9. **Autoclaving Requirements:**
 - Autoclave using deionized water steam at 134°C under normal conditions.
10. **Handling Corroded Instruments:**
 - Immediately discard instruments that show signs of corrosion.

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