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FAQ: What are the Sterilization methods of the Posey Cufflator?

Thank you for your inquiry regarding cleaning of the Posey Cufflator. As defined in our instruction sheet, we recommend wiping the surface thoroughly using a commercially available alcohol based surface disinfectant that is safe for use on non-porous surfaces. The Posey Cufflator should not be submerged or autoclaved. We established this recommendation because sterilization by gas and/or steam may cause corrosion to some components, which could adversely affect performance and/or the useful life of the product.

This product is designed to aspirate room air at the bottom of the inflation bulb, which is used to inflate the cuff on an ET/Trach tube. The device then reads the intra-cuff pressure. The cuff is sealed and under pressure, and unless the cuff is punctured, no air from the patient would pass through the cuff into the inflation line and through the cufflator.

If the cuff is perforated, the device will not aspirate air from the patient. The air inhaled by the patient would somehow have to be forced with positive pressure through the hole in the cuff and back into the cufflator. We have no record of this ever happening. To date no cases of cross contamination have been reported to us, after millions of daily uses.

If your specific application requires sterilization, please be advised that we would recommend low temperature gas sterilization and you should regularly test the product to ensure accuracy and proper operation. We also provide a variety of replacement components and repair services if required. Thank you again for using the Posey Cufflator and we hope this information is helpful.

For Safety, Application and Cleaning instructions for all Posey products, please refer to package insert instructions accompanying each product. Copies of all package insert instructions are available on the Posey website at www.posey.com.

We hope that this answers your questions. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Posey Customer Service at (800) 44-Posey or (800) 447-6739.