



## **CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF VACUUM VALVES**

**AFTER EACH PATIENT** - DRAW CLEAN WATER THROUGH THE INSTRUMENT, WORK THE VALVE OPEN AND CLOSED SEVERAL TIMES; THIS WILL FREE DEBRIS.

**DAILY CARE** - USE A STIFF BRUSH AND MILD DETERGENT TO CLEAN INTERNAL SURFACES.

**FOR VALVES WITH THREADED TIP, REMOVE TIP AND CLEAN THREADS.**

**AS NEEDED** - WHEN OPERATION OF VALVE BECOMES DIFFICULT, REMOVE SPOOL, INSPECT AND CLEAN ALL PARTS INCLUDING O-RINGS. REAPPLY O-RING LUBE DCI #8031 AND REASSEMBLE. REPLACE O-RINGS IF FOUND TO HAVE NICKS OR MISSING PORTIONS.

**SURFACE DISINFECTING** - SOME DISINFECTANTS THAT WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE INSTRUMENTS ARE: BIREX SE®, SPORICIDIN®, COLDSPOR, PROCIDE-D® SPRAY, STERALL PLUS SPRAY, ASEPTICIDE, BIOCID, PROMEDYNE, IODO-FIVE, WESCODYNE AND CAVICIDE.

**ULTRASONIC CLEANING OF VACUUM VALVES IS NOT RECOMMENDED.**

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## **WARNING**

SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE OR BLEACHING AGENTS WILL DAMAGE THIS INSTRUMENT AND VOID MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY.

## **STERILIZING**

ALL DCI HVE AND SE VACUUM VALVES HAVING A METAL (SILVER) BODY CAN BE STERILIZED BY THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

STEAM AUTOCLAVE, CHEMICAL VAPOR OR DRY HEAT.

## **CAUTION**

**ALL DCI VACUUM VALVES HAVING PLASTIC (BLACK) BODIES CAN NOT BE AUTOCLAVED (SEE CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE OF CARD).**

STERILIZATION TEMPERATURE SHOULD NOT EXCEED 275°F (135°C); 6 MINUTES HOLDING TIME, MINIMUM. ALSO AVOID INSTRUMENT CONTACT OF STERILIZER WALL AND AVOID CLOSE PROXIMITY TO HEATING ELEMENTS.

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