



Tracheostomy Tubes

Cleaning, Care and Disinfection

TRACOE *comfort* tracheostomy tubes are delivered in a clean, disinfected condition. During their use, regular cleaning and care is strongly recommended. Renewed disinfection with the disinfectant TRACOE sept can be carried out if required.

Cleaning and Care

The easiest method of cleaning is to use one of the complete TRACOE tube clean cleaning sets (930-A and -B with cleaning powder or REF 931-A and -B with concentrated cleaning liquid). All sets contain a cleaning box with a mesh basket, cleaning agent, cleaning swab and cleaning brush.

TRACOE tube clean cleaning powder (REF 932) and the highly effective TRACOE tube clean concentrated cleaning liquid (REF 933) have been specially tested by us; REF 933 kills off aerobic and anaerobic germs almost completely.

Together with the mesh basket, the cannulas are submerged into the cleaning solution in the box. The gentlest way to remove any secretion deposits in the cannulas is with the small and large TRACOE tube clean cleaning swabs (REF 935 and 936). The cleaning swabs consist of a flexible plastic stick with a lint-free polyurethane sponge attached to its end, which prevents fluff from entering the cannula and the trachea. For impurities that are particularly difficult to remove, a curved cleaning brush with soft bristles should be used (TRACOE tube clean cleaning brushes, REF 938-941). Never use brushes with a sharp-edged end because these may scratch the soft material of the cannulas. After cleaning, rinse the cannulas thoroughly, dry them with a lint-free cloth and spread a little paraffin oil (REF 902) along the inner cannulas to increase their gliding ability.

For further details, please see the instructions for use for TRACOE tube clean cleaning sets.

CAUTION: The cannulas must not be cleaned with household detergents or denture cleaning agents because these may have a lasting adverse effect on the products.

Disinfection

Because the upper respiratory tract is never without germs – even in healthy individuals – we do not recommend the use of disinfectants. If, however, disinfection appears necessary, this can be done after the above mentioned cleaning process by placing the cannulas in the following disinfectant specifically tested by TRACOE medical GmbH: TRACOE sept (REF 929)

TRACOE sept is a highly effective disinfectant concentrate which was tested by TRACOE medical GmbH for the disinfection and cleansing of TRACOE tracheostomy tubes, grid and stoma buttons, for instruments made of metal, plastic, rubber, glass and porcelain, as well as for thermo labile accessories in the hospital, laboratory and medical practice.

Effective spectrum: bactericidal, tuberculocidal, sporicidal, fungicidal, virucidal incl. HBV and HIV*)

*) Effectiveness against HBV implies effectiveness against HIV

This disinfectant is easy to use by water dilution. The ready-to-use solution will be stable for up to seven days. TRACOE sept is hence the ideal solution for hospital use as well as for outpatient and homecare use. TRACOE sept is our response to your enquiries to complement our cleaning range with a disinfectant.

CAUTION: Under no circumstances use disinfectants that release chlorine or substances that contain strong alkaline solutions or phenol derivatives.

Sterilisation

If necessary, sterilisation with ethylene oxide can be carried out in accordance with the relevant directions.

CAUTION: Heating, boiling or steam sterilisation must strictly be avoided.