HOW TO USE CIDEX® OPA SOLUTION

1. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
   - Personal protective equipment must always be worn when handling contaminated instruments and equipment. Personal protective equipment includes gloves, eye protection and fluid-repellent gowns.
   - Contact with CIDEX® OPA Solution may discolor skin or stain clothing. If the solution contacts skin, wash with soap and water for a few minutes. The discoloration should disappear within 1 to 2 days. CIDEX® OPA Solution may also stain environmental surfaces such as countertops, walls and floors.
   - Once you are wearing personal protective equipment, you are ready to begin the disinfection process.

2. CLEAN INSTRUMENTS
   - The first step in the high-level disinfection process is thorough cleaning. Contaminated instruments must be thoroughly cleaned prior to disinfection.
   - To remove debris, thoroughly clean all instrument surfaces and the lumens of hollow instruments (e.g., endoscopes) with a mild protein-dissolving detergent such as ENZOL® Enzymatic Detergent. CIDEX® OPA Solution is compatible with enzymatic detergents (e.g., ZENZ® Enzymatic Detergent) which are mild in pH, low foaming, and easily rinsed from instruments. Detergents that are either highly acidic or alkaline are not recommended as cleaning agents.
   - Following cleaning, rinse instrument surfaces and lumens with large amounts of fresh water to remove residual detergent. Follow rinsing instructions under section 6.
   - Remove excess moisture from instruments prior to disinfection. This will help prevent excess water from diluting the CIDEX® OPA Solution below its Minimum Effective Concentration (MEC).
   - Refer to instrument manufacturer’s labeling for additional instructions on disassembly, decontamination, cleaning and leak testing.

3. USING CIDEX® OPA SOLUTION
   - Before using the solution, be sure to read the directions for use on the bottle label and package insert. The shelf life of an unopened bottle of CIDEX® OPA Solution is two years from date of manufacture. The solution requires NO activation.
   - After opening the bottle, pour CIDEX® OPA Solution into a CIDEX® Sterilizing/Disinfecting Tray or appropriate container. If there is still solution remaining in the bottle, the bottle can be stored up to 75 days. The use of CIDEX® OPA Solution in an automatic endoscope reprocessor must be part of a validated reprocessing procedure. Note: CIDEX® OPA Solution can achieve high-level disinfection in five minutes at a minimum of 25°C in an automatic endoscope reprocessor.
   - It is important to record the date the solution was poured from the original container and the date its reuse life ends (not to exceed 14 days). Blank log book pages are available at www.asp.com or through ASP Customer Support.

4. TEST
   - Concentration of this product during its reuse life must be verified by the CIDEX® OPA Solution Test Strip prior to each use to determine that the concentration of ortho-phthalaldehyde is above the MEC of 0.3%.
   - It is recommended that CIDEX® OPA Solution be tested before each usage with CIDEX® OPA Solution Test Strips to verify that the appropriate concentration of ortho-phthalaldehyde is present.
   - CIDEX® OPA Solution must be discarded after 14 days even if CIDEX® OPA Solution Test Strips indicate a concentration above the Minimum Effective Concentration (MEC).