Cleaning and Care of Surgical Instruments

To complete this activity, the participant will need to access and read AORN. (2018). Cleaning and Care of Surgical Instruments. Guidelines for Perioperative Practice. (pp. 907-942). Denver, CO: AORN.

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**ACROSS**

4. According to the Spaulding classification system, laryngoscope handles require ________ disinfection.
7. Liquids to soak instruments must be ________ before transport of the contaminated items.
8. Instruments should be kept ________ until they are cleaned to prevent the build-up of biofilm.
10. Provides the instructions for use regarding instruments and medical devices.
11. A complication resulting from inadequate cleaning of eye instruments. (abbreviation)
12. This organization clears all instruments and devices for use in the OR. (abbreviation)

**DOWN**

1. The use of ________ is not recommended when cleaning instruments due to the potential for corrosion.
2. Upon receipt at the facility, loaner instruments should be considered ________ and delivered to sterile processing.
3. Gowns used as PPE in the decontamination area must be ________. (2 words)
5. To ensure contact with the cleaning solution, instruments with multiple parts should be ________.
6. Decontamination of instruments should begin at the _________. (3 words)
9. The recommended distance between the sterilization area and instrument washing area is ________ feet.

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