

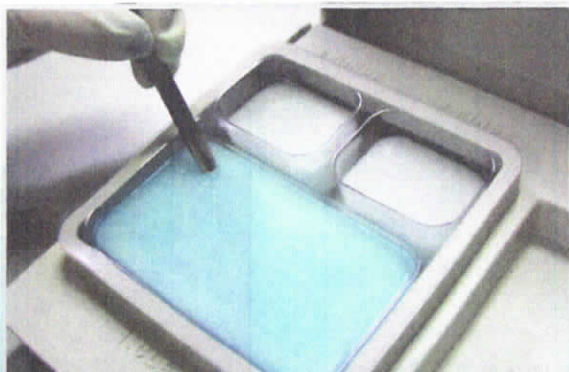
Knife & Blade Cleaning Instructions

STEP 1 - CLEAN

(Optional) Prior to blade cleaning: Retract and lock the blade into its protected position. Hold the knife under cool running tap water and wipe the handle using a lint free cloth such as a 2 x 2 gauze to remove any soil such as bodily fluid or blood from the handle. Wipe dry using a second gauze or similar material before proceeding to the blade cleaning steps.



Blade cleaning: Fully expose the blade and gently insert it directly into the blue colored wet cleaning pad located in the largest of the 3 compartments. It is best to start at the top left of each of the pads with each new cleaning procedure and simply move over about 1/4 inch to the right. When reaching the end, move down about 1 inch and begin again. For double edged blades; gently move the blade back and forth vertically and through the cleaning pad in a cutting fashion. For single edged blades; gently move the blade in a 1/2 inch single vertical downward motion. Remove blade from pad, moving it about 1/4 inch to the right and repeat.



STEP 2 - RINSE

Prior to rinsing: Examine the blade to make certain it is visibly clean. Several gentle passes will remove tissue and other debris from the blade surface and deposit it into the pad. The procedure may need to be repeated until the blade is visibly clean.

To rinse the cleaning solution from the blade and to remove any residual debris, repeat the above procedure creating a 1/4 to 1/2 inch slice in each of the two smaller compartments located just above the larger cleaning compartment. Always start with the rinse compartment on the upper left side and perform the final rinse in the compartment on the right.



STEP 3 - STERILIZE

Close the blade and lock into place. Sterilize according to the knife manufacturer's instructions.

At the end of the surgical day, or if the pads appear to be grossly soiled, remove the cleaning tray from the plastic cradle and dispose of it into a contaminated waste receptacle such as a red bag.

