

# Decontamination Guidance for Vets

Follow our intuitive guide covering the decontamination of reusable instruments.

## 1 Post Procedure

Prevent contaminants drying and becoming difficult to remove on reusable instruments, whilst within the surgery room.



## 2 Preparation

Are the instruments compatible with washer disinfectors or ultrasonic cleaners? ?



## 3 Cleaning & Disinfection

Critical step: if the instruments are not clean, sterility cannot be achieved.

Process instruments in validated washer disinfectant.

OR

Process instruments in ultrasonic cleaner.



Rinse Instruments

### Inspection Process

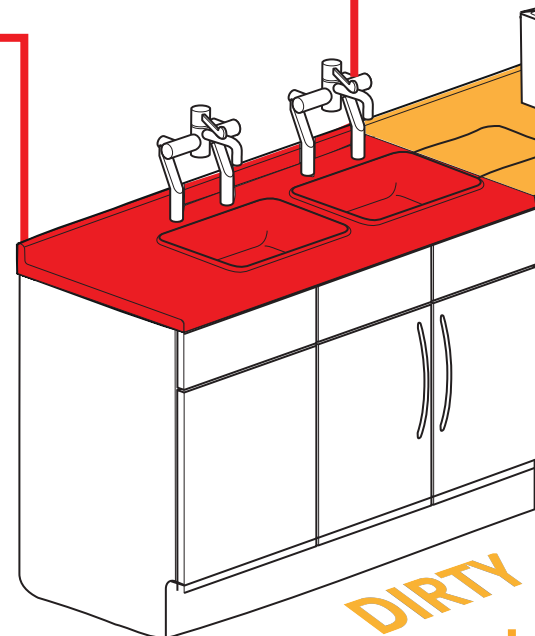
Inspect the instruments to ensure they are clean, functional and in good condition.

Pass

Move to step 4: Sterilisation

Fail

If the instruments are still dirty, reprocess.

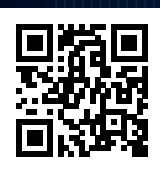
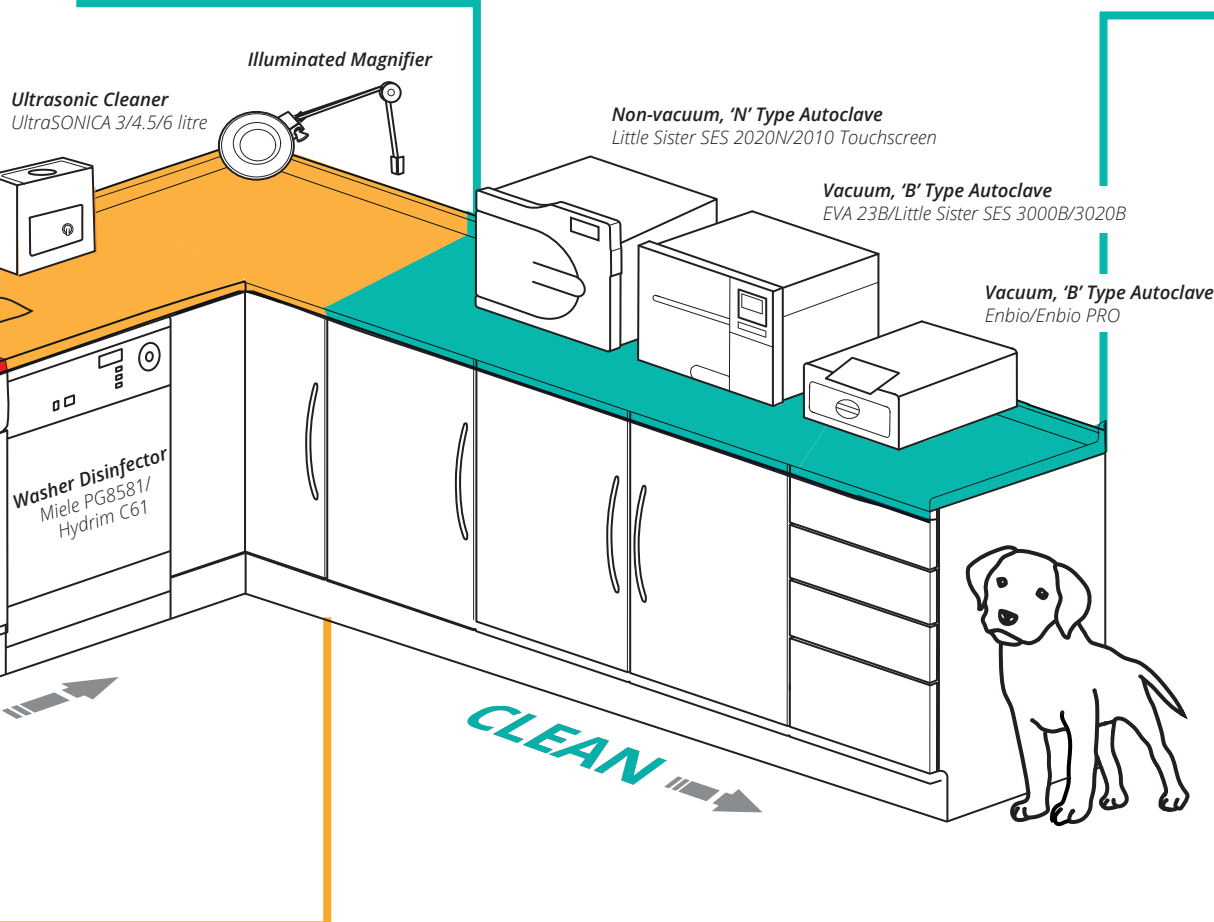
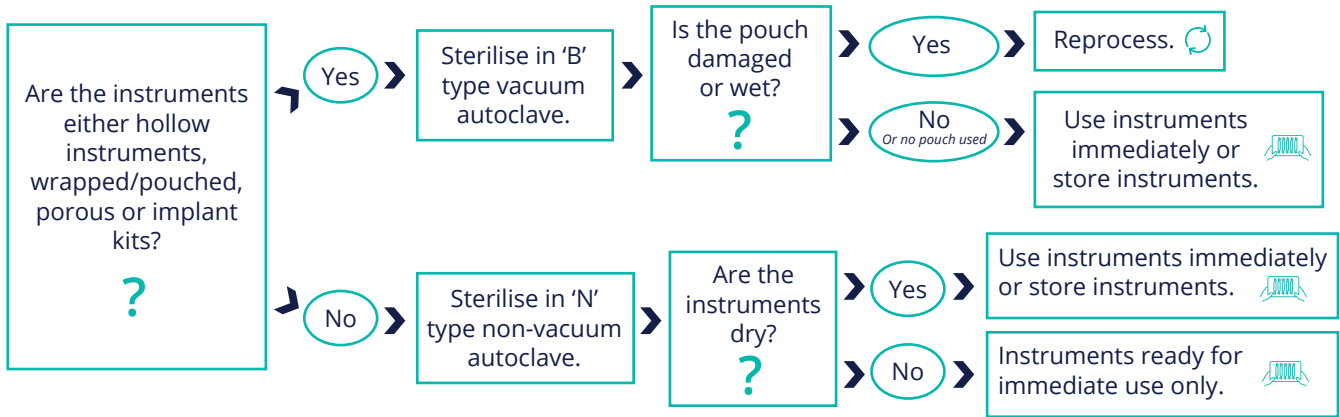




## 4 Sterilisation

Using the correct autoclave cycle guarantees the instruments are safe for use.

Note: For dental handpieces please refer to the manufacturer's processing guidance.



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