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RE: RE: Rapicide® Use and Patient Sensitization

All high level disinfectants, including Rapicide, have the potential to cause a reaction in patients and staff who are sensitized to glutaraldehyde. Staff sensitization will typically result from exposure to excessive vapor levels in the workplace environment, whereas patient reaction will be caused residual disinfectant remaining on or in medical devices. This is typically caused by inadequate rinsing.

Unlike *ortho*-phthalaldehyde (OPA) products which are less soluble in water, and contraindicated for use with urology devices for patients with bladder cancer, there are no known safety alerts or contraindications for glutaraldehyde products, including Rapicide, when used to reprocess endoscopes used in urological cystoscopic procedures.

Medivators fully endorses the use of Rapicide for high-level disinfection of flexible immersible endoscopes irrespective of the type of endoscopy procedure performed, providing that Rapicide is used as recommended, including two fresh water rinses after the disinfection step.

If you have any questions related to this bulletin, please contact Medivators Technical Support at 1-800-444-4729.

Endoscope reprocessing the way it should be

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