

Product Bulletin

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RE: Topping off High-Level Disinfectant (HLD) in AER reservoirs

MEDIVATORS automated endoscope reprocessors (AERs) that utilize reusable high-level disinfectants (HLD) typically lose a small volume of HLD with each cycle. To ensure that there is sufficient HLD in the reservoir for each cycle and to avoid a low disinfectant alarm, users should check the HLD level in reservoirs prior to each reprocessing cycle. If the HLD level is low, MEDIVATORS endorses the practice of “topping off”, or adding more chemistry to the reservoir, provided that the reuse life of the HLD is not extended. MEDIVATORS recommends that the concentration of HLD is checked before commencing each reprocessing cycle and that directions for use with respect to reuse life and minimum effective concentration (MEC) are followed based on the date the HLD was originally loaded. The practice of topping off does not extend the use-life days of the solution, even if the MRC or minimum effective concentration is still met.

The process of topping off requires customers to pour the high-level disinfectant from the bottle into the reservoir, which can lead to spills and splashes. MEDIVATORS now offers a disinfectant funnel that will minimize this occurrence. This funnel is placed into the reservoir opening, and HLD can then be poured directly into the funnel to top off the reservoir.

The disinfectant funnel is available through MEDIVATORS Technical Support at 1-800-444-4729 under catalog number #78400-644.



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