



Processing of Non-Critical Items

Protective Eyewear

Protective eyewear is considered a non-critical item as there is no contact with mucosa and rests on intact skin. The decision of how to process an item, instrument and/or equipment is based on Spaulding's Classification which states cleaning followed by low-level disinfection. The eyewear is in the vicinity of a high range of aerosols, hence a potential source for cross-contamination, where cleaning alone is not sufficient.

An intermediate level disinfectant can be used in place of a low-level disinfectant with the realization that the variance in concentrations of the solutions will decrease the longevity of the glasses.

It is recommended post cleaning and disinfection that the eyewear be rinsed with water and dried with a soft towel to remove any build up or smearing left by the disinfectant.

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