

## **DISINFECTION TUTORIAL**

FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION STANDARDS

## CLEAN VIDEO HANDLE AFTER EJECTING DISPOSABLE SHEATH BLADE

The Joint Commission requires handles to be cleaned after each use, according to the manufacturer's IFU.

- ✓ Laryngoscope handles are considered to be non-critical devices.
- ✓ Non-critical devices necessitate low-level disinfection.
- Wipe the CoPilot VL video handle with a hospital-grade disinfectant according to the instructionsfor-use and package according to the hospital policy.

## COPILOT VL IS USED WITH SEALED, PREPACKAGED DISPOSABLE SHEATH BLADES

The Joint Commission requires laryngoscope blades to be high-level disinfected or sterilized then packaged before storage.

- Blades must be removed after use, cleaned and either high-level disinfected or steam sterilized.
- Once sterilized, blades must be packaged and stored in some way to prevent contamination.
- OPILOT VL sheath blades are single-use and come prepackaged, saving you time and hassle.

## WHAT IS JC GOING TO LOOK FOR DURING THEIR SURVEY?

- Reusable Laryngoscope blades are processed via either high-level disinfection or sterilization.
- Oconfirmation that the facility follows the laryngoscope manufacturer's instructions-for-use guidelines for cleaning and disinfection.
- Laryngoscope blades/handles are packaged in some way. Note: CDC and HICPAC guidelines do not specify the manner in which reusable laryngoscope blades should be packaged.
- Consistent compliance with the facility's own policies and procedures with regard to cleaning and disinfection.
- Laryngoscope blades/handles are stored in a way that would prevent contamination.
- Compliant storage is not explicitly specified but could be a peel pack, or a resealable plastic bag.

