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**Care and Handling of Microsurgical Instruments**

**Care of Stainless Steel Surgical Instruments General Guidelines**

**General**

The serviceable life and the durability of stainless steel microsurgical instruments are dependent upon the care and maintenance they receive during use, cleaning and storage. The following guidelines are provided to allow you to maximize the performance and the durability of the instruments.

Read all instructions prior to handling and using the instrument. Improper or incorrect handling may result in damage.

This product is sold non-sterile and must be sterilized prior to surgical use.

Before inspecting or use of the instrument you must be trained in its correct use.

Then, visually inspect the instrument for damage. Any instrument that is found to be damaged should be returned for repair or replacement immediately.

All instruments after initial visual inspection for damage should be cleaned and sterilized prior to use. (Only clean and wipe the instrument with the recommended materials and solutions.)

Do not use or sterilize an instrument that has mucus, sebaceous deposits, protein or other debris on its surface.

It must be emphasized that the use of any surgical instrument is outside the control of B. Graczyk, Inc. Universal™ / Surgical Eye Care products.