

Instruments Cleaner

The Instruments Cleaner cleans and sterilizes all surgical instruments and launders the surgical towels. **No rabies vaccination is required for this position.**

Instruments Cleaner Instructions

1. **Clean and sterilize** the surgical instruments.
 - Scrub used instruments in liquid soap and hot water, paying special attention to the teeth and joints where blood collects.
 - Soak the clean instruments in instrument milk for 5 minutes. Instrument milk is prepared by combining 21 oz (631 ml) of concentrated instrument milk to 1 gallon of water.
 - Drain instruments in trays. Do not rinse or towel dry.
 - Sort the instruments in the trays by type and tape color.
2. **Wash, dry and fold** surgical linens.
 - Flatten half the towels for wrapping ear-tip, spay and neuter packs.
 - Fold the rest in 4 lengthwise folds and then in thirds for spay packs.
3. **Place bins of re-wrapped items in the autoclave.** Set the machine and record the start time in the logbook. Wait until items have cooled before storing.

Station Closing and Cleanup

When the clinic is concluded:

- inventory the remaining supplies and repack the supply kit
- return the kit, station instructions, and any remaining items to storage
- clean the area
- dispose of all trash
- wash all tables, including the central trough
- wipe down entire base of table
- remove tape from underside of table
- wipe as much of the overhead surgery lamp as can be reached
- sweep or vacuum
- mop the floor.