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**Instructions for Use** 



Figure 1

Figure 2



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Figure 3



Figure 4 A Metal Handle Bar

B Metal Hook ۲

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## **DESCRIPTION:**

The GEM MicroTray<sup>™</sup> MAX System consists of a reusable Anastomotic Instrument\* (surgical-grade stainless steel, titanium and hard-coat anodized aluminum), reusable COUPLER Forceps\* (surgical-grade stainless steel), a reusable Double-Ended Vessel Measuring Gauge\* (surgical-grade stainless steel), 2 MircoClip Appliers\* (Surgical grade stainless steel) and a MicroTray<sup>™</sup> Sterilization Tray (anodized aluminum).

The GEM MicroTray Sterilization Tray is a multi-use device designed to organize, protect and transport medical instruments during prevacuum steam sterilization and subsequent storage. The sterilization trays consist of an anod-ized aluminum base and cover with handles and latches. The trays are available in single tier or double tier with insert and contain silicone finger mats to hold instruments in place. The base, cover and inserts are highly perforated to facilitate steam sterilant penetration.

\*Refer to individual device IFUs.

# **INDICATIONS FOR USE:**

The GEM MicroTray MAX System contains instruments indicated for use with the GEM Microvascular Anastomotic COUPLER device and GEM MicroClips. The MicroTray organizes, protects and transports medical instruments during prevacuum steam sterilization and subsequent storage.

Sterilization trays do not maintain sterility unless used in conjunction with a sterilization wrap that is legally marketed and cleared by the FDA or other appropriate regulatory authority. This device has not been validated for sterilization of instruments that are porous or have lumens.

#### WARNINGS:

- The Anastomotic Instrument, Vessel Measuring Gauge, COUPLER Forceps, and MicroClip Appliers must be sterilized prior to use.
- The Anastomotic Instrument, Vessel Measuring Gauge, COUPLER Forceps, and Sterilization Tray should be thoroughly inspected before use. Instruments that are damaged and/or in need of repair should not be used.

### **CAUTIONS:**

- · The system has been validated for prevacuum steam sterilization only.
- For instruments not supplied in this system, always follow the manufacturer's instructions when sterilizing complex instruments requiring disassembly.
- The MicroTray has not been validated for sterilization of instruments that are porous or have lumens.
- Instruments with hinges should have the hinges in the open position during sterilization.
- Total weight of the tray and its contents must not exceed 25 lbs.
- The cover must be securely latched to the base during handling, wrapping and sterilization.
- · Only a legally marketed and cleared sterilization wrap should be used.
- Do not stack trays during sterilization. Allow adequate room on all sides to ensure proper sterilization and drying.
- The use of nonabsorbent tray liners can cause condensate to pool.

"Wet-packs" must be considered non-sterile and must be re-sterilized. Always
inspect the tray for evidence of moisture upon completion of the sterilization/
drying cycle.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPROCESSING USE:

# Limitations on reprocessing

The system may be sterilized for an indefinite number of cycles. Always inspect the GEM Instruments and the tray between uses - the life of the devices is limited only by irreparable physical damage from mishandling.

#### Instructions

Point of use: Rinse all instruments with water after use.

Preparation for cleaning:	<b>CAUTION:</b> Use of a cleaner with a pH greater than 10 will remove the anodized layer of the aluminum devices, such as the Anastomotic Instrument and the Sterilization Tray. The use of solvents, abrasive cleaners, wire brushes or scouring pads may damage the finish.	Cleaning: Manual	Place the instruments in an ultrasonic cleaner utilizing a neutral (pH 7-10) cleaning solution and clean ultrasoni- cally for 15 minutes. Rinse the Anastomotic Instrument thoroughly again, applying a fine jet stream of water through the hole in the Anastomotic Instrument knob end.
	1. Pre-soaking the tray per the detergent manufacturer's instructions may be necessary for heavily soiled items.		For the tray, manual cleaning of soiled areas may be done using a cloth, sponge or soft brush and neutral detergent. Always rinse the tray thoroughly with warm water and
	2. Using a neutral (pH 7-10) detergent, wash each tool clean of all blood and debris after every use. Scrub each tool with a soft brush. Pay particular attention to areas where debris can accumulate.		allow it to dry before loading, wrapping and sterilization.
		Cleaning: Automated	Place the tray and instruments individually on the rack of an automated washer and clean at a temperature of 45° – 55° C, with a neutral (pH 7-10) cleaning solution for at least 10 minutes.
	3. Avoid use of any harsh material that can scratch or mar the surface of the instruments or tray.		
	4. Rinse the instruments thoroughly with running water. Apply a fine jet stream through the hole in the Anasto- motic Instrument knob end and press the release button while rinsing to ensure that all surfaces of the instru- ment are cleaned.	Disinfection:	(Optional) Using an automated washing machine, thermally disinfect the Instrument at a temperature of 90° - 95° C, for a minimum of 5 minutes.
		Drying:	Following cleaning by either manual or automated clean- ing methods ensure instruments and tray are fully dry. Do not exceed 100° C for 30 minutes.
	For Clip Appliers disengage the middle spring and open the handle completely for cleaning and sterilization.		

Maintenance, Inspection	• Ensure that all visible debris is removed to assure the continued quality of the instruments.	
and Testing:	• Lubricate the cleaned Anastomotic Instrument (in- cluding knob) with a water-soluble lubricant prior to sterilization.	
	• CAUTION: Failure to clean and lubricate the Anasto- motic Instrument as directed may result in instrument failure.	
	• Inspect the tray for damaged, loose or missing parts. Always ensure all latches and handles are secured and working properly. Do not use if damaged.	
Loading the Tray:	1. Load the base and insert tray (if double tier) with instruments. Place the GEM Instruments into the designated silicone bar slots. (See Figure 1)	
	2. If a double tier tray, place the insert tray into the base.	
	<ol> <li>Secure the cover to the base by using the latches and ensuring the metal handle bar rests against the hook (see "Using the Latches").</li> </ol>	
	4. Fold the handles inward (against the cover).	
	5. Wrap for Sterilization. Always follow the manufac- turer's instruction when using a sterilization wrap.	

Sterilization:	PREVAC AUTOCLAVES		
	Temperature Recommended Exposure Time (not Total Cycle Time)		
	270°F - 273°F	4-5 minutes (wrapped)	
	132°C - 134°C	4-5 minutes (wrapped)	
	Drying	45 minutes	
	NOTE: It is recommended that each institution establish the efficacy of its sterilization procedure.		
Storage:	Recommended storage at controlled room temperature 20-25°C (68-77°F).		

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAX TRAY USE:**

# Using the Latches:

The tray is latched securely when the metal handle bar rests completely under the metal hook at each end of the tray. The latch straps simply keep the bar in place. Once latched, the handles should be rotated inward (against the cover) prior to wrapping.

#### Unlatching

To unlatch, stretch the straps toward the middle of the tray until the bar comes free from beneath the hook. This can be done in two ways:

Method 1: Grasp both handles and pull inward, either together or one-at-a-time. (see Figure 2).

Method 2: Rotate each handle outward as far as it will go, then push toward the middle of the tray. (see Figure 3).

Once unlatched, the cover may be lifted straight up off the base.

#### Latching

Either method may be reversed to secure the latches. When securing the latches, be certain the metal handle bar is completely under the metal hook. (see Figure 4)

#### **SERVICE:**

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#### WARRANTY:

All metal parts are warranted for two (2) years from the date of purchase against any defects affecting function or usability when used in accordance with the "Instructions for Use" provided. Cosmetic damage from routine handling, damage resulting from abuse or mishandling, or damage resulting from the use of cleaning or sterilization methods incompatible with anodized aluminum is not covered under warranty. All non-metal parts, including latch parts, are warranted for the useful life of the system (see "Limits of Reuse" section for details).

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