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Subject: Equipment Cleaning Advice COVID-19

To whom this may concern,

Optos devices are not designed to be sterile or sterilised and as such we do not prescribe a method of sterilisation.

Optos current recommendation is to use 70% IPA wipes to disinfect areas with patient contact.

The intention of the 70% IPA wipes is to act as a disinfectant. Various studies support the clinical efficacy of the use of 70% IPA in single use wipes, additionally we continue to monitor the industry standards as well as guidance from sources such as the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html>

If the face pad is dirty it may be prudent to remove and wash it with hot water and soap and dry it before a final disinfection of the surface with the 70% IPA.

If the facepad is damaged, then it may make cleaning the surface more challenging and, in this case, we would recommend replacing the facepad.

The CDC website also indicates that transmission of the virus is either through respiratory droplets or from contact with a contaminated surface. Since the main mirror is a non patient contact part we do not believe that there is a high likelihood of transmission from the mirror. Cleaning instructions and guidelines for the main mirror can be found within the instructions for use as well as the Optos Customer Portal.

We will of course continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action if necessary.

Sincerely,

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