

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO MEDICAL CENTER STERILE PROCESSING DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: Brushes

PROCEDURE NO: SP 2-4

## PROCEDURE STATEMENT

**Brushes used for decontamination need to be cleaned and disinfected or sterilized.**

## PURPOSE OF PROCEDURE

**Brushes that show wear will not clean thoroughly. Prompt cleaning of brushes and other cleaning implements reduces or eliminates biofilm-forming microorganisms and thus minimizes the formation of biofilm.**

## PROCEDURE

- 1. After each case is processed the brush used is washed in enzymatic solution.**
- 2. Brushes that are discolored, bent, kinked ect will be discarded. To not damage instruments**
- 3. Once a day at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> shift all used brushes will be washed in the automated washer.**
- 4. If visibly soiled the brush should be washed immediately.**
- 5. Brushes will then be returned to Decontamination through the pass through window.**

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