

# CLEANING GUIDELINES FOR AN ELECTRONIC IRRIGATOR

The Electronic Irrigator must be disinfected using a solution of Sodium Dichloroisocyanurate 0.1% (NaDCC)

Each day before use, the electronic irrigator must be disinfected using a solution of Sodium Dichloroisocyanurate 0.1% (NaDCC). Suggest use Chlor-Clean tablets, or similar, according to manufacturer's instructions, to make a solution which provides 1000 parts (NaDCC) per million (0.1%).

- Fill the water tank with NaDCC solution
- Run the irrigator for a few seconds to allow the solution to fill the pump and flexible tubing
- Leave to stand for 10 minutes. Empty the water tank, then rinse the system through with well-run cold tap water before use

## Explanation:

Sodium Hypochlorite 0.1% has only 1 Chlorine molecule and will release ALL this Chlorine if in contact with any vegetative matter. Sodium Dichloroisocyanurate (NaDCC) 0.1% has 2 Chlorine molecules which are slowly released, maintaining at all times 50% of its own weight. This is available in the form of Chlor-Clean tablets (Guest Medical) as per research completed by Dr David Coates from Q Laboratories Ltd, Preston, in 2001. A covered litre container can be used to mix and store the solution for up to 8 hours.

Chlor-Clean is mentioned particularly because it contains a surfactant (i.e. detergent) in addition to a disinfectant.

Disposable tips should be used with the electronic irrigator. These, together with Chlor-Clean tablets, disposable Jobson Horne probes, disposable micro-alligator forceps and disposable Noots tanks may be obtained from The Primary Ear Care Centre.

For a full list of ear care equipment (single-use and re-useable) please contact The Primary Ear Care Centre on 01709 423140 or see our website: [www.earcarecentre.com](http://www.earcarecentre.com)

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