

INFECTION CONTROL RESOURCES

For the preparation of the 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) European Market

SonoSite is committed to providing healthcare providers with the most up-to-date information regarding point-of-care ultrasound. Increasingly, worldwide infectious disease control is an important consideration and SonoSite is taking this seriously. We want to properly support the many healthcare providers that are preparing for the challenge of protecting our providers and patients against SARS-CoV-2, the virus behind COVID-19.

Disinfectants for SARS-CoV-2

Per guidelines set out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, infection control procedures including administrative rules and engineering controls, environmental hygiene, correct work practices, and appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) are all necessary to prevent infections from spreading during healthcare delivery.¹

Correct² and consistent adherence to cleaning and disinfection procedures is key to limiting the risk of spreading the virus. This entails routine cleaning & disinfection after every procedure using hospital-grade disinfectants. Cleaners and disinfectants listed on the [SonoSite Cleaners and Disinfectants Tool](#) have been evaluated for compatibility with SonoSite systems, transducers, and accessories. Disinfectants that provide claims against emerging viral pathogens and enveloped viruses are recommended for use against the SARS-CoV-2¹

Given the urgency of the COVID-19 pandemic, SonoSite will support our European customers in this state of emergency if they decide to use a cleaner or disinfectant not listed on the Web Tool, as long as the disinfectants are hospital grade, and fall into one of the four categories:

1. Quaternary ammonium salts
2. 0.5% Sodium hypochlorite
3. 75% Isopropyl or ethyl alcohol
4. 3% Hydrogen peroxide

Please be aware that SonoSite does not make recommendations on what specific cleaner or disinfectant to use, and that different disinfectants will have varying levels of efficacy against not only SAR-CoV-2, but also other pathogens that may be of concern. In all cases, please carefully follow the instructions provided by the disinfectant manufacturer.

Please carefully inspect your SonoSite product before, and after each procedure for any damage that may occur. If you notice any cosmetic irregularities from the use of these disinfectants, please direct questions to SonoSite Technical Support at eraf-service@fujifilm.com.

Further infection control practices to limit the spread of COVID-19.

One-time use physical barriers are recommended to help limit the potential for the 2019-nCoV to spread. The use of ultrasound system drapes, [transducer probe covers](#), and single-use ultrasound gel packets are recommended to limit the potential for cross contamination. Please be aware that the use of system and transducer covers does not preclude the need to clean and disinfect the ultrasound system as if a cover is not used.³

Additional Resources

For most effective cleaning, it is recommended that the instructions found in your user guide for cleaning, then disinfecting your SonoSite ultrasound systems, transducers, and accessories are followed in full.

Cleaning and disinfection guidelines specific to each SonoSite ultrasound system can be found in the corresponding user guide. SonoSite ultrasound system [user guides](#) can be downloaded from our website.

If you have additional questions or comments, please contact your local SonoSite representative, or SonoSite Technical Support at eraf-service@fujifilm.com

1 <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html>

2 <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/disinfection-guidelines-H.pdf>

3 <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/reprocessing-medical-devices-health-care-settings-validation-methods-and-labeling>