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Miele Thermal Washer Disinfector Test Announcement

DECS has recently received concerns from the field that some Miele washers were not passing weekly washer verification tests. [Click Here](#) for instructions on how to test the Miele Thermal Washer Disinfector.

Cleaning is the most important step in instrument re-processing because it reduces bioburden and removes material that can act as a barrier to the sterilizing agent during the sterilization process. Therefore, to assess proper function, users should test automated cleaning equipment (e.g., ultrasonic cleaners, instrument washers, thermal disinfectors) upon initial installation, weekly, during routine use and after major repairs. This should be included as a component of your instrument processing quality assurance program. Commercially-available tests are available to evaluate variables such as water pressure, temperature, pH and drying. It is very important to note that these tests do not replace the requirement to visually inspect instruments after cleaning.

Also, users must continue to follow the cleaning of equipment per the manufacturer operating and maintenance instructions, including instrument loading procedures, which are critical to the success of the cleaning process.

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