

1. Is the FlexiPump system a sonic technology?

No, the FlexiPump sink system is a cleaning accessory used to pre-condition devices before they are placed in a sonic cleaner. The FlexiPump system is not intended for final treatment.

2. We have a sonic irrigator; can't we just throw all our devices into that?

That's not recommended. Most (if not all) sonic equipment manufacturers require two things: you must flush all cannulated devices before you load them into the sonic system; and you must first follow each device manufacturer's cleaning instructions. Most device manufacturer, requires that you perform manual pre-cleaning before you place their devices into a sonic cleaner or sonic irrigator.

3. Is the FlexiPump system approved for da Vinci®* robotic devices?

The da Vinci manufacturer's instructions for use (IFU) clearly document the requirements for pre-conditioning (pre-cleaning). The FlexiPump system meets or exceeds those requirements. Furthermore, the luer fitting fits onto the driver head snugly, allowing the technician to flush da Vinci components without having to use two hands to mate devices with irrigation tubing. In addition, the FlexiPump automated flushing function does not require a technician to time or monitor PSI. (*Intuitive Surgical, Inc.)

4. Are the FlexiPump and PureStation systems validated for all brands of lumened devices?

FlexiPump and PureStation systems are used for pre-cleaning, not final treatment. Most device manufacturers validate a specific pre-cleaning process and provide instructions on the type of cleaning chemistry and how much volume is necessary. Pure Processing systems are designed to deliver whatever specified volume of cleaner is required, and to help technicians apply the necessary parameters such as time, volume and pressure requirements.

5. Does the FlexiPump system irrigate suction tips?

Yes. The FlexiPump system irrigates most cannulated suction tips. We offer tube sets that will allow you to irrigate up to three devices at once.

6. We have a spray gun; isn't that enough?

Spray guns are excellent tools. However, many IFU require pre-cleaning with an enzymatic cleaner. The PureStation system enables you to follow the IFU and irrigate with whatever cleaning solutions are recommended.

7. How does the FlexiPump unit attach to flexible endoscopes?

When a facility purchases endoscopes, it also receives tubing sets that attach to the scopes for manual irrigation. Those same sets will allow your staff to connect the PureStation and FlexiPump Systems to the scope lumens. Also, many device manufacturers have maximum fluid pressure requirements that are virtually impossible to monitor during pre-cleaning. The FlexiPump system maintains proper pressures automatically for you, reducing the likelihood of expensive repairs.

8. How does the FlexiPump attach to other devices?

The universal luer lock has a collar that pushes back, allowing you to either lock the tube to the device or insert the tapered tip into ports located on the medical instrument. There is also a soft rubbery sleeve that can be placed over the most difficult devices to create a seal that allows adequate flushing and rinsing. An optional Accessory Kit can also be purchased alongside the pump, allowing the FlexiPump's luer locks to be attached to virtually all your devices. We also like to work with our customers to create simple solutions for flushing challenges. If you have a particular flushing challenge, contact us. We may be able to help.

9. Do I need electricity to run the FlexiPump?

The FlexiPump™ will require at least 110 volt plug to operate.

10. Are there consumables needed for the FlexiPump System?

The irrigation tubing for the pump needs to be disinfected and replaced every 30 days.

11. Can I clean more than one rigid cannula at a time?

Yes, and we encourage you to do so. There is a tube set available that will allow you to flush three channels at once. These pumps have been shown to increase flushing productivity by 79% and reduce labor by 90%. You can add several pumps, which will enable you to flush up to 12 devices at a time, increasing your productivity even more.

12. What cleaning solution do I use?

Always follow device manufacturers' cleaning chemistry recommendations. The PureStation and FlexiPump systems are compatible with most hospital-grade instrument cleaning chemistries. If you have questions about a specific product, please contact us.

13. We hand-wash everything, so we are not interested.

Perhaps you should at least review our resource document that compares current hand-flushing methods to automated flushing. The PureStation and FlexiPump systems automate most of the pre-cleaning and flushing process, which helps assure consistency and effectiveness. As your nurses and techs can attest, hand flushing presents a risk to the person cleaning and to patients because it is prone to errors. Our systems are economical to purchase and maintain, and they allow your staff to copiously flush hard-to-hand-clean devices and help reduce the risks.

14. What about the FlexiPump's™ water source? Does it need a faucet?

The FlexiPump can easily be installed in a number of ways to any water source including on back walls, on sink walls, in a PureStation™ Sink Insert or on a nest to sit on countertops. If you are using the FlexiPump in a mobile cart, you can drain your insert without removing it by using a drop tube and parastolic pump.