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Sven

Some update on the fungal question raised in your earlier e-mail below.

We retain a fungicidal / yeasticidal claim around the use of Perasafe ( prepared initially as a 16.2g/litre solution) that a 60 minute contact time should be applied, and solutions should not be used beyond 8 hours after first activation.

In endoscopy ( instruments ) the target organisms for efficacy are bacterial spores, mycobacteria , bacteria & some viruses . Fungi & yeasts are considered to be of much lower concern for the patients, in general.

However, the local medical facility involved in the procedure may have specific cases where the control of fungi is important . One example, is if a given procedure involves an immunocompromised patient , who could be potentially more susceptible to infection by these type of pathogen then it may be deemed suitable to use the product at the rate specified for fungal control .

Essentially, the judgement on this issue lies with the local health professional in the medical facility , & not with the manufacturer or supplier of the disinfectant product.

If the patient has a known pre-existing fungal infection, then again it would seem appropriate to use longer contact time for immersion of the equipment.

I understand that there may be some rhinoscopy applications ( used for investigating possible sinusitis infections ), which may realise a higher concern for encountering a fungal infection.

So there is no precise quantified definition for the term 'Specific fungal challenge' , but the guidance is there to raise awareness to the medical professional.

I hope this reply is of some help.

Best regards

Mark