**v-gel® Instructions for Cleaning and Sterilising**

1. After each use, rinse with tap water to remove any mucus or other foreign material from all surfaces of the v-gel® product and cradle. Ensure the monitoring port cap is disconnected from the gas monitoring port.

2. Mix ENZYMATIC CLEANER ONLY (see note 1) into warm water (≤50°C) as recommended by the manufacturer.

3. Soak the v-gel® and cradle in enzymatic cleaning solution for a period of 10 minutes.

4. Whilst soaking, use a soft bottle brush to gently clean the internal airway channel of the v-gel® to remove any remaining mucus or other foreign material.

5. Thoroughly rinse the v-gel® and cradle with filtered or sterile water. (see note 2)

6. Shake off excess water from all parts and then completely dry all inside and outside surfaces of the v-gel® and cradle.

7. Check to ensure the inside of the rubber monitoring port cap is completely dry before reconnecting it back onto the gas monitoring port. Return the v-gel® to the cradle.

8. Clip the inflation line securely into the clips on the underside of the cradle (cat v-gel® only).

9. Mark off one number on the cycle counter located on the cradle.

10. Place the fully-dried v-gel® product into an autoclave pouch, seal the pouch and place on the shelf of the steam autoclave. The product must not be directly in contact with the internal drum wall throughout the sterilization process.

11. Steam Autoclave @121°C (250°F) cycle, followed by the drying cycle. At the end of the total sterilization process check product in the bag is fully dry and free from any internal condensation.

12. Allow the Autoclaved bag containing the sterilised product to fully dry in a well ventilated environment.

**NOTES:**
1. Cold sterilizing or disinfectant cleaning agents, including but not limited to: ammonium chloride, chlorhexidine, bleach solutions, surgical spirit etc. are NOT recommended for v-gel® as they could shorten the useful life and/or damage the product.
2. Rinsing off enzymatic cleaning solution using tap water instead of sterile water could potentially downgrade sterility and cleanliness but should not harm the product’s useful life providing they are immediately and thoroughly dried out.
3. DocsInnovent is able to identify any deviation from the recommended cleaning and sterilising process.