

Instructions for Healthcare Personnel: Preparation of Compatible N95 or N95-equivalent Respirators for Decontamination in STERRAD® Sterilization Systems.

Under an *Interim Order*, Health Canada has authorized the emergency use of the Advanced Sterilization Products (ASP) STERRAD Sterilization Systems for use (hereafter referred to as the “STERRAD Sterilizers”) in decontaminating compatible N95 or N95-equivalent respirators (“compatible N95 respirators”) for use by healthcare personnel. The STERRAD Sterilizer cycles to be used in decontamination of compatible N95 respirators are: **STERRAD 100S Short Cycle**, **STERRAD NX Standard Cycle** and **STERRAD 100NX Express Cycle**. Healthcare Personnel should follow these instructions, as well as procedures at their healthcare facility, to prepare compatible N95 respirators for decontamination in a STERRAD Sterilizer.

- **Do not to use decontaminated compatible N95 Respirators during surgical procedures.**
- **Only use for outpatient and patient examination procedures.**
- **Decontaminated N95 Respirators are not Sterile.**
- **Due to incompatibility, the STERRAD Sterilization Systems are not authorized for use with respirators containing cellulose-based or paper materials.**
- **If N95 respirators are soiled or damaged, they should be disposed of and not returned after decontamination.**

Marking:

1. Label your own individual compatible N95 respirator using a permanent marker; do not label respirators belonging to others or ask others to label yours for you.
2. Labeling should be legibly written on the outside or inside of each compatible N95 respirator; label your respirator(s) with your name, identifier(s), and number of reprocessing cycles in accordance with your facility’s policies.
3. Adhere to your facility’s policies for respirator collection for decontamination. ASP has recommended that facilities create a collection station at the point of generation (i.e. hospital floor/unit); each station should have a bag provided by the healthcare facility to collect compatible N95 respirators for decontamination.

NOTE: Only compatible N95 respirators only should be placed in the decontamination collection locations. Do not place other personal protective equipment (such as gloves), paper towels, or waste in the collection bag.