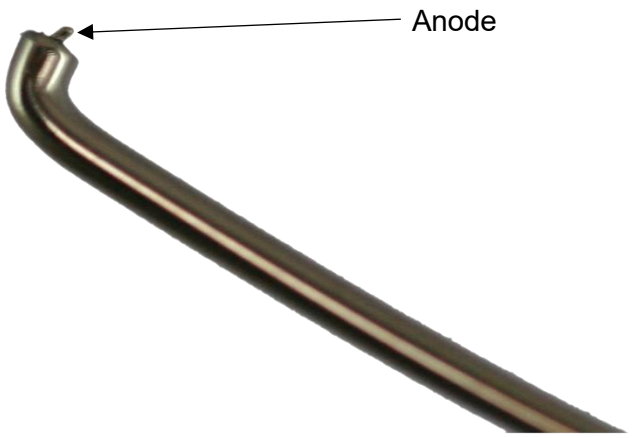
Capsulotomy Tip Cleaning Instructions



The capsulotomy tip has a very small, delicate anode tip. It is a precision surgical instrument and special care must be taken in regard to cleaning so as to maintain its surgical efficacy.

Following use during surgery, the tip should be immediately immersed in a bowl of sterile water so as to prevent surgical fluids (especially viscoelastic) or tissue from drying on the anode. Dried/autoclaved visco on the anode is the number one cause of irreparable damage to the capsulotomy tip.

After using the capsulotomy tip, it should be cleaned as soon as possible, within 10 minutes after surgery to keep the anode free of dried tissue. Ideally, it is recommended that the cleaning of the tip be carried out immediately following removal from the eye. In all aspects, please ensure that the tip is kept moist until it can be thoroughly cleaned.

For rinsing and cleaning, use **only** distilled or de-ionized water.

1. Remove the tip from the handpiece.
2. Clean the capsulotomy tip with a wet, non-fibrous wipe (such as an instrument wipe) using a twisting motion. Ensure that all tissue, viscoelastic, etc are completely removed from around the anode. If needed, a **very soft** brush may be carefully used if excessive buildup has occurred.
3. The handpiece should be rinsed only on the outer surfaces with distilled water, then sterilized appropriately.

Please refer to Oertli's "Instructions for Processing of Reusable Instruments – Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization" booklet for additional information.