



## **an-silpro Silicone Prosthesis**

# **Cleaning and Sterilization Recommendations**

### **Cleaning**

Prior to sterilization, the silicone prosthesis should first be cleaned with a pH-neutral cleaning detergent (no alcohol-containing products).

Next, thoroughly rinse under running distilled water to rinse off the detergent.

Dry the implants with either warm or cold air (i.e. compressed air, hair dryer, etc).

Immediately following cleaning, the clean and dry prosthesis should be placed into an autoclavable peel pouch or sterilization tray.

### **Sterilization**

The silicone prosthesis should be sterilized by autoclaving at 121°C / 250°F. Ethylene oxide sterilization is **not** advised.

While it is possible for silicone implants to be autoclaved multiple times, we recommend they be stored on the shelf in a clean pouch until ready for use. Just prior to the surgical case, follow these cleaning and sterilization recommendations before actual implantation.

Prosthesis that have been autoclaved repeatedly should be checked before implantation for any variations in appearance (such as cracking, discoloration, and/or brittleness). Should such signs of deterioration exist, those prosthesis should be discarded and not used.