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PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Sterilizing Equipment.

During the preparation of AS 2711, Washer/disinfectors for Respiratory Apparatus, the need for a standard for drying cabinets for respiratory apparatus was realized. There is an inherent difficulty in drying corrugated tubing and face masks because of the tendency for droplets of liquid to remain in troughs of corrugations. The use of drying cabinets allows washer/disinfectors to be operated with a shorter drying stage, so that urgently needed respiratory equipment which is easily dried may be returned to service soon after it has dried without being subjected to the extended times required to dry corrugated tubing and face masks.

Australian standards dealing with sterilizing and sanitizing are as follows:

AS 1410 Pre-vacuum Pressure Steam Sterilizers (With Mechanical Air Removal)

AS 1714 Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers (Using Ethylene Oxide/ Dichlorodifluoromethane 12%/88% *m/m* Sterilizing Gas Mixture)

AS 1862 Aeration Cabinets (For Use with Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers)

AS 2182 Portable Electrically Heated Steam Sterilizers (Downward Displacement Pressure Steam Type)

AS 2192 Horizontal Sterilizers (Downward Displacement Pressure Steam Type)

AS 2437 Flusher/Sanitizers for Bed Pans and Urine Bottles

AS 2487 Dry Heat Sterilizers (Hot Air Type)

AS 2514 Drying Cabinets for Medical Equipment

AS 2711 Washer/Disinfectors for Respiratory Apparatus

AS 2773 Ultrasonic Cleaners for Hospital Use

It is intended to publish a standard for washer/disinfectors for hospital utensils.

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