This guide is intended for multi-patient use of Fisher & Paykel Vitera™ Full Face mask in the hospital, or other clinical settings, where proper disinfection/sterilization of the device must occur between patients. If you use the mask as a single-patient user in the home, please refer to your mask user instructions under “Cleaning your mask at home”.

Note: Only Vitera mask components listed in the table below have been validated according to these instructions for reprocessing between patients.

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<th>Mask Components</th>
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<th>Thermal Disinfection</th>
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<td>F&amp;P Vitera Full Face mask</td>
<td>Seal*, Frame, Swivel, Elbow</td>
<td>1min at 90 °C (194 °F)</td>
<td>10mins at 80 °C (176 °F)</td>
<td>30mins at 75 °C (167 °F)</td>
<td>CIDEX® OPA®, MetriCide™ OPA Plus2 or Rapicide® OPA/28³.</td>
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<td>F&amp;P Vitera Headgear</td>
<td>Headgear**, Headgear clips**, Forehead clips**</td>
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*Replace seal if it discolors.
**If contaminated with blood, please replace the contaminated component between patients.

Validated disinfection and sterilization procedures:

**Point of Use**
Remove any gross soiling on the mask by wiping or rinsing in potable water.

**Disassembly**
Disassemble the mask according to the Disassembly for Cleaning and the Advanced Assembly/Disassembly instructions given in the Vitera Use and Care Guide.

**Cleaning**
Masks should always be properly cleaned before further reprocessing is undertaken, failure to do this may result in ineffective disinfection/sterilization.

**Cleaning the mask**
Soak all reprocessable parts of the mask in a solution of mildly alkali, anionic detergent e.g. Alconox⁵ according to the manufacturer’s instructions (at 1% concentration and 50°C for 10mins), ensuring that no air bubbles are present on the device surface. Using a soft non-metallic brush (e.g. medium-hard toothbrush), vigorously brush the mask parts until visibly clean but not for less than 10 seconds. Pay close attention to crevices, cavities and corners, such as the join between the silicone seal and plastic housing. Rinse by submerging in 5 litres of demineralised water and agitating for at least 10 seconds. Repeat rinse.

**Cleaning the headgear**
Soak the headgear assembly in a solution of mildly alkali, anionic detergent e.g. Alconox, according to the manufacturer’s instructions (at 1% concentration and 50°C for 10mins), ensuring that no air bubbles are present on the device surface. Using a soft non-metallic brush (e.g. medium-hard toothbrush), scrub the headgear and clips until visibly clean but not for less than 30 seconds. Pay close attention to crevices, cavities and corners. Rinse under running water for at least 30 seconds, intermittently wringing the fabric. Submerge in 5 litres of demineralised water while agitating and squeezing for at least 30 seconds. Repeat submerged rinse.

**Drying**
Make sure mask components are thoroughly dry before continuing by leaving to air dry out of direct sunlight. Failure to do this may result in ineffective chemical disinfection/sterilization.
## Disinfection or Sterilization

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<td>For all reprocessable components:</td>
<td>Run a disinfection cycle in an automatic washer-disinfector using one of the time/temperature combinations shown on the front page of this guide. These time/temperature combinations are consistent with EN ISO 15883 and are equivalent in terms of known thermal inactivation kinetics of vegetative micro-organisms, meeting an A₀ of 600.</td>
<td>1. Immerse completely in an undiluted bath of CIDEX® OPA, MetriCide™ OPA Plus or Rapicide® OPA/28 at 20°C for 12 minutes, ensuring that no air bubbles are present on the device surface. 2. Rinse thoroughly following the manufacturer’s rinsing instructions.</td>
<td>Utilize a STERRAD NX, 100S or IDONX Sterilization System according to the manufacturer’s instructions.</td>
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<td>Drying</td>
<td>Allow all components to air dry out of direct sunlight.</td>
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<td>Inspection</td>
<td>Before each use, inspect the mask for deterioration. If any visible deterioration of a mask component is apparent, the mask component should be discarded and replaced.</td>
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<td>Reassembly</td>
<td>Reassemble the mask according to the Mask Assembly and the Advanced Assembly/Disassembly instructions given in the Vitera Use and Care Guide.</td>
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<td>Storage</td>
<td>Ensure the mask is completely dry before storing. Store in clean conditions out of direct sunlight. Storage temperature: -20°C to 50°C (-4°F to 122°F).</td>
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### General Warnings and Cautions

- The instructions provided above have been validated as being capable of preparing the masks for re-use. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare does not recommend any deviations from the recommended method of reprocessing. The following actions may deteriorate or damage the mask and shorten its life:
  - Do not iron the headgear.
  - Do not clean the mask with products containing alcohol, anti-bacterial agents, antiseptic, bleach, chlorine or moisturizer.
  - Do not wash the mask in a dishwasher.

**NB. If your Fisher & Paykel Healthcare mask weakens or cracks, discontinue use and seek replacement immediately.**

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2. Product of Metrex™ Research, LLC.
3. Product of Medivators Inc.
5. Product of Alconox Inc.