

Nephros SSUmini - Instructions for Use

INTRODUCTION

Information on this sheet must be read before the use of this device to ensure safe and effective operation.

Recommended Storage: Between 5 and 35°C (41 and 95°F).

INDICATIONS

Description: The Nephros SSUmini is intended to be used to filter water or bicarbonate concentrate used in hemodialysis devices. It assists in providing hemodialysis quality water or bicarbonate concentrate. The device is not a complete water treatment system, but serves to remove biological contaminants. Therefore it must be used in conjunction with other water treatment equipment (RO, DI, etc.).

Use: The device is intended for long term continuous use. Once it completes its useful life, the filter should be replaced and discarded. Do not attempt to sterilize or reuse it.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Medical: While the SSUmini produces ultrapure water, the water is not intended to be used in medical applications where USP sterile water is normally used.

Chemical: The SSUmini retains biological contaminants. To obtain chemically pure water it is necessary to use the filter in conjunction with other devices such as DI beds or RO systems.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS

Caution: When used as a medical device, federal law (USA) restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

Pressure: The SSUmini is intended for a maximum incoming water pressure of 75 psi (5 bar).

Replacement: The filter should be replaced if the flow rate begins to noticeably decrease. As long as it is flowing the SSUmini will continue to filter microbiological contaminants. However, it is recommended to establish a regular maintenance schedule for replacing the filter.

INSTALLATION & REMOVAL

Note: If it is the first time a SSUmini is installed in a location verify that the correct connections (3/8 BSPP or 1/4 John Guest) are present on the inlet and outlet lines. Prior to handling a new filter it is recommended that one wash their hands and wear disposable gloves.

- Open a new SSUmini blister pack and mark the label with the installation date.
- Turn off the water/bicarbonate source upstream of the filter.
- Disconnect the inlet side of the used filter, then the outlet side.
- Discard the used filter appropriately.
- Mount the new filter in the flow direction indicated on the label.
- Connect the outlet water line to the filter followed by the inlet line.
- After a new SSUmini is installed, prime the filter to drain for a few minutes to purge it of trapped air.
- If connecting to the bicarbonate supply it may be necessary to first prime the filter using the RO water supply. The bicarbonate line pressure alone may not be sufficient to remove air from the filter.
- Verify there are no leaks or flow restrictions.

Note: Prolonged exposure of the filter to alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride (ADBAC) may result in cracks to the external housing. It is recommended not to use ADBAC based cleaners.

OPERATION/ DISINFECTION

- Following installation, it is recommended to disinfect the lines downstream of the SSUmini as per standard clinic procedure.
- The SSUmini is compatible with most common dialysis disinfection methods. It can be subject to the following disinfectants for 1 year of weekly exposures with no degradation in safety or efficacy.
 - 1% MinnCare
 - 1% Bleach
 - 2% Vinegar

- 85°C Water (30 PSI Maximum Inlet Pressure)
- Hydrochloric Acid / Sodium Hydroxide (monthly)

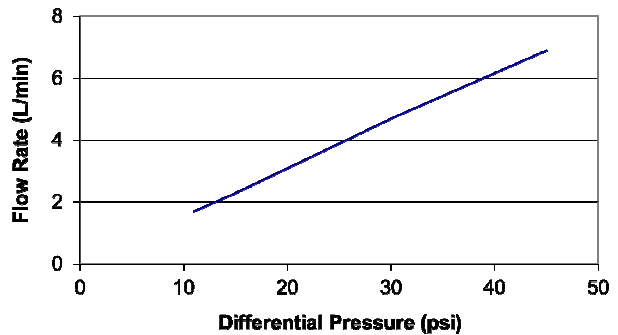
- Disinfection should be carried out as per standard clinic procedures. No special precautions or procedures are required for the SSUmini. It is to be treated simply as an extension of the distribution system.
- Following chemical disinfection the water must be tested for residual disinfectant with test strips or other means. The presence of the SSUmini may require longer rinsing times.
- The pressure drop across the SSUmini generally reduces the flow rate by about ¼ to ⅓ of the rate without a filter. The filter should operate under normal use with minimal degradation in flow. If the flow rate degrades significantly, replace the filter.

INTEGRITY TESTING

One can test the integrity of the filter using the following technique.

- Disconnect the inlet port connection
- Disconnect the outlet connection and connect a sterile 60 cc syringe to the outlet port using an adapter.
- With the inlet to drain pump air into the filter using the 60 cc syringe until water stops flowing out the inlet port (2-3 syringe volumes).
- Attempt to push one final syringe volume of air into the filter. Hold the plunger down for 5 seconds then release it.
- If the plunger rises the filter integrity is assured. If it does not it is recommended to replace the filter.

SSUmini - Clean Water Flow



Specifications	Nephros SSUmini
Max Inlet Pressure	75 psi (5 bar)
<u>Filter Membrane</u>	Medisulfone®
Material	Polysulfone
MW cut-off	15 kDa
Bacterial Retention	> 10 ¹¹ (B. diminuta)
Virus Retention	>10 ⁸ (PhiX-174)
Endotoxin Retention	> 10 ⁵ EU/ml
Expected Life	Up to 1 year

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