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TITLE: INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THE BERKLEY VACUUM CURETTAGE SYSTEM

PURPOSE: To outline the instructions for use of the Berkley Vacuum Curettage System.

- PROCEDURE:**
1. Check the integrity of the cord for any defects before plugging into the wall receptacle.
 2. Check unit for proper functioning before start of procedure. (See section on Vacuum Check.)
 3. Circulating nurse attaches the non-handle end of the collection tubing to the "patient" port of the Berkley Safe-Touch Collection System unit; scrub nurse attaches the Vacurette Cannula to sterile handle end.
 4. Turn on unit.
 5. Adjust vacuum setting per Doctor's preference. (Counterclockwise to decrease or clockwise to increase vacuum.)

NOTE: The maximum attainable vacuum with the vacuum adjust valve completely closed (fully clockwise) at sea level is approximately 73 cm Hg.

6. Discard the Vacurette Cannula or F-Set, Disposable Collection Tubing Set, and Safe-Tough collection System components after use and replace with a new one.
7. Wipe cabinet down with appropriate disinfectant solution before returning to storage area.

Vacuum Check

1. Turn on unit.
2. Place a finger over the inlet at the end of the collection tubing handle. Observe the vacuum gauge until it stabilizes. The level shown on the gauge is the maximum vacuum level at the particular setting of the vacuum adjust knob.
3. Turn the vacuum adjust knob counterclockwise to decrease vacuum or clockwise to increase vacuum.
4. Verify that the vacuum gauge has stabilized after each knob adjustment before using the system in a procedure.

Reference: ACMI Vacuum Curettage Manual