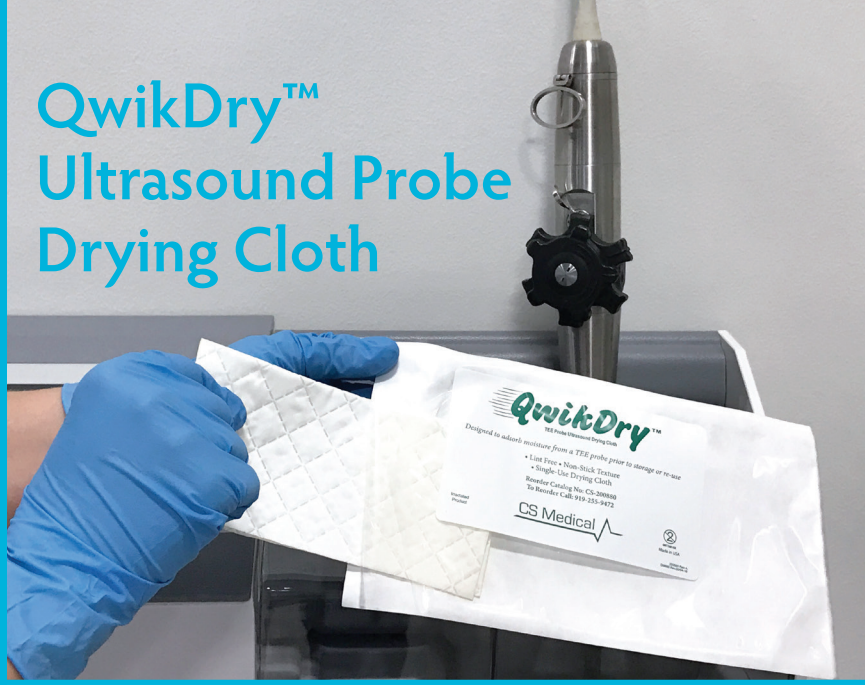
the right Tools

to help healthcare staff reduce HAI's



CS Medical and the TEE Complete Care™ line of products provide many different solutions to the everyday problems that healthcare workers encounter when reprocessing TEE ultrasound probes.

Job: Drying TEE/TOE Ultrasound probes after high-level disinfection

Why: Wet probes are easier to contaminate with either airborne particulate or through multi-use drying methods.

Solution: QwikDry™ Ultrasound Probe Drying Cloth

QwikDry is an individually-packaged, irradiated cloth with a super-absorbent matrix and an ultra-smooth textured surface that effectively removes moisture and slides freely over the TEE ultrasound probe shaft. Each cloth is designed for single-use, thus removing the potential for cross-contamination and potential microbiological growth.

A properly dried TEE ultrasound probe, prior to storage, is critical in minimizing the possibility of water-borne bacteria contamination during storage. A wet probe, stored in a plastic sheath or hung freely for drying, can allow airborne contaminates to foster growth of spores and bacteria. Some of the current methods employed for drying after high-level disinfection include; reusable sponge, paper towel, cotton cloth, and surgical gauze. These solutions, though effective in the drying of a TEE probe, could introduce outside contaminates. The sponge, if reused, could foster spore and bacteria growth while the towel, cloth and gauze could contain outside contaminates introduced during the manufacturing or handling process prior to being used.

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