Perisept: Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Why should we use Perisept?**
   Perisept offers your facility a higher level of protection against healthcare acquired infections. It kills c-diff spores in only 2-minutes. It is also effective against 50 other pathogens. It is a non-bleach formula and is safe to use on many types of surfaces.

2. **How does Perisept kill the c-diff spore?**
   Perisept works by coating the outside of the endospore, or the hard shell around the spore, with peroxyacetic acid. Peroxyacetic acid disrupts the endospore allowing hydrogen peroxide to kill the internal organism.

3. **Why do I smell vinegar?**
   Perisept is made up of a combination of acetic acid and hydrogen peroxide which forms peroxyacetic acid. Acetic acid is the main component of vinegar, therefore Perisept has a light vinegar scent in its ready-to-use form.

4. **How long does it take for Perisept to dissipate?**
   Perisept will dissipate in 6-8 minutes.

5. **Is Perisept safe to use?**
   Yes, handling the concentrate requires basic safety training, but once it is connected to the closed loop Navigator Dispensing System, it removes chemical exposure to your staff. The concentrate is automatically diluted at the correct dilution (32:1 ratio) ensuring proper chemical usage and eliminating the chance of using too much concentrate (extra cost) or not enough concentrate (reduced efficacy).

6. **How do you use Perisept?**
   A closed bucket system with NexGen microfiber cloths or Peritex Disposable Wipes is recommended. Microfiber cloths or wipes should be placed in a clean bucket with the proper amount of diluted Perisept to saturate the cloths or wipes. For each 12”x12” cloth use 2 ounces of Perisept, for each 16”x16” cloth use 3 ounces, and for each 40 pack roll or pack of Peritex use 28 oz. Allow 15 minutes for the cloth/wipes to fully saturate, before commencing cleaning and disinfecting.

7. **Why is Perisept better than bleach?**
   Perisept has faster kill times than bleach and is compatible with more types of surfaces. Bleach requires surfaces to remain wet for 5-10 minutes to be effective depending on the level of sodium hypochlorite. After the contact time, the surface must then be rinsed with clean water to remove the bleach residue. Bleach will stain or corrode material or equipment. Bleach offers no detergency for cleaning. Surfaces must be pre-cleaned, disinfected with bleach, and then rinsed (3-step process). Perisept will not stain, corrode or leave damaging residue on material or equipment.

8. **How do you store Perisept?**
   Perisept needs to be placed in a cool, well ventilated area at floor level. This product is an oxidizer which requires dispersal. The special caps on Perisept allow the product to vent.

9. **How can you ensure the 1:32 dilution ratio?**
   Perisept bottles are equipped with an engineered tip to dilute the proper amount of concentrate with water as it is dispensed. A fresh tip in each bottle ensures proper dilution. Other dispensing systems require the tip to be replaced from time to time, and dilution performance degrades over time.

10. **What is the shelf life of Perisept?**
   In the concentrated form Perisept is good for 1 year. When mixed with water and diluted, Perisept has a shelf life of 24 hours. Like many quaternary based disinfectants, a fresh solution should be prepared before daily use, or when solution becomes visibly dirty.

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11. **Is Perisept available in Ready-to-Use Formulation?**
Perisept is only available in a concentrate and is optimized for use with the closed loop Navigator Dilution Control System. The Navigator DCS offers closed loop dispensing and minimizes contact with the concentrate. The easy to follow numbering and color-coded labeling simplifies training for EVS departments. The high 1:32 dilution rate offers customers a lower end-use cost making it affordable for use as a daily cleaner, in addition to operating rooms, isolation rooms and post discharge. Standardizing to one disinfectant cleaner reduces training challenges, potential confusion, as well as, the number of chemicals stored in the supply closet.

12. **Will Perisept damage surfaces?**
Unlike bleach, Perisept is compatible with many types of surfaces including finished floors, aluminum, chrome, glass, laminated surfaces, stainless steel and more. A complete list of compatible surfaces can be found on the Perisept Surface & Material Compatibility document.

13. **How much does Perisept cost?**
Perisept is a very cost competitive solution to reduce HAI’s in healthcare facilities. Please contact your local Triple S distributor for cost-in-use information. To find your local distributor, visit www.triple-s.com/distributors.