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Steven Fawks wrote:

My father-in-law graduated from dental school in 1939. He died in 1971 before I started dating his daughter, but I still ended up with a few items after I got out of school. I got some very nice glass syringes with needles of such manufacture that they do not seem to be disposable.

There were several "sterilizers" that were actually just different means of cleaning or disinfection. Even in the 70's it was common to use glutaraldehyde solutions in glass trays to 'sterilize' many dental instruments, though disposable needles were a given by that time.

Now, I throw it away or run it through the autoclave no matter what it is.

Fawks

It's actually worse than that. In the 70's, I'm not sure glutaraldehydes were widely used in dentistry. In dental school we used Zephirin chloride, which was probably not much better than Listerine.

Steve

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Ah, the good old days. Boil em  
up (if you felt like it) and  
resharpen the  
needle with a whetstone.  
Needles last for a year or so  
of moderate volume  
practice back then?

We'd have to consult the historical  
record. Just how old do ya think we are,  
anywho?

Steve

Joel would know.

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