

## **Activated Charcoal to Prepare an Anaesthetic Machine for the Susceptible Patient**



**Removes unwanted anaesthetic gas from the breathing circuit.**

The internal components of modern anaesthetic machines capture and hold volatile anaesthetics. These anaesthetic vapor are released when the machine is used for a new patient. Even trace amounts of vapor can be harmful for susceptible patients. Flushing anaesthetic machines with high fresh gas flow for an extended time before a case helps decrease the risk to susceptible patients. Rather than waiting for the flush to be effective, Vapor-Clean activated charcoal filters instantly prevent desflurane, sevoflurane and isoflurane molecules from reaching the patient. Simply connect inspiratory and expiratory Vapor-Clean filters to the anaesthetic machine and connect new breathing circuit hoses to immediately deliver a vapor-free anaesthetic.

- Vapor-Clean removes more than 99% of the anaesthetic vapors
  - Vapor-Clean activated charcoal filters prepare an anaesthetic machine for a susceptible patient in less than one minute.
  - Vapor-Clean removes doubt about duration and effectiveness of flushing the anaesthetic machine.
  - Vapor-Clean is the ONLY FDA cleared activated charcoal product specifically designed to remove anaesthetic agent from the anaesthetic breathing circuit.
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**NO EMERGENCY CART OR IS COMPLETE WITHOUT THE VAPOR-CLEAN**

# Using the Vapor-Clean In an MH-Crisis

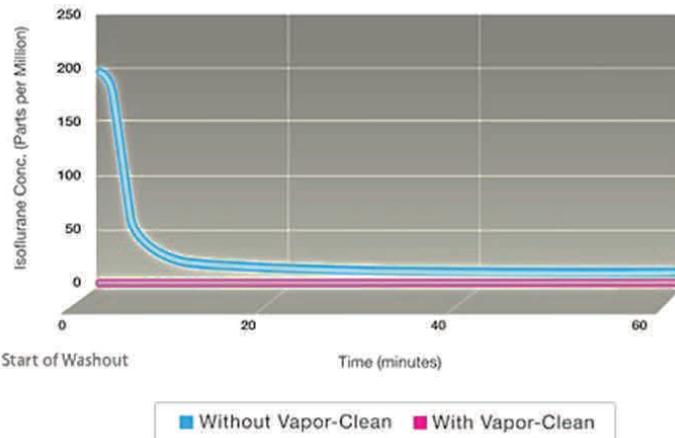
The internal components of modern anaesthesia machines capture and hold volatile anaesthetics which are released when the machine is used for a new patient. Even trace amounts of vapor can be harmful for susceptible patients. Previously, flushing the anaesthesia machine with high fresh gas flow for an extended time before a case was thought to help decrease the risk to susceptible patients. Now, in less than 90 seconds, Vapor-Clean activated charcoal filters reduce exposure to less than 5ppm of desflurane, sevoflurane and isoflurane molecules from reaching the patient for an entire case lasting up to 12 hours.

## Traditional Flushing Takes Longer Than You Think

The table is a summary of published studies that show the extended periods of flushing needed without the Vapor-Clean filters before modern anaesthesia delivery systems can be used for MH-susceptible patients.

The data plot below shows concentration of anaesthetic vapor in an Ohmeda Aestiva anaesthesia machine after the machine was used to deliver isoflurane at 1 MAC for 2 hours. Without the Vapor-Clean, it took over 60 minutes of flushing the machine at 10 L/minute before the vapor emitted by the machine was safely below 5 parts per million. Under the same conditions, when using the Vapor-Clean filters, the machine was ready in less than 2 minutes.

Workstation Type	Anesthetic Agent	Published washout time (time to inspired agent less than 5 parts per million)	Time to inspired agent less than 5 parts per million with Vapor-Clean filters
Ohmeda Aestiva	Isoflurane	54 minutes <sup>2</sup>	Less than 1 minute <sup>3</sup>
Ohmeda Aestiva	Sevoflurane	48 minutes <sup>2</sup>	Less than 1 minute <sup>3</sup>
Ohmeda Aestiva	Desflurane	27 minutes <sup>2</sup>	Less than 1 minute <sup>3</sup>
Draeger Apollo	Isoflurane	84 minutes <sup>3</sup>	Less than 1.5 minutes <sup>3</sup>
Draeger Apollo	Sevoflurane	46 minutes <sup>2</sup>	Less than 1 minute <sup>3</sup>
Draeger Apollo	Desflurane	53 minutes <sup>2</sup>	Less than 1 minute <sup>3</sup>
Draeger Primus	Isoflurane	64 minutes <sup>4</sup>	
Ohmeda Aestiva	Sevoflurane	55 minutes <sup>5</sup>	Less than 1 minute <sup>3</sup>
Draeger Fabius	Sevoflurane	104 minutes <sup>3</sup>	
GE Avance	Sevoflurane	61 minutes <sup>4</sup>	
Maquet Flow-i	Sevoflurane	48 minutes <sup>4</sup>	
GE Aisys	Sevoflurane	55 minutes <sup>3</sup>	



## Standardize Anesthesia Machine Preparation for MH

- Two-year minimum shelf life
- Reduces costly operating room delays
- Negligible additional breathing circuit resistance
- No need to remove CO<sub>2</sub> absorbent
- Compatible with standard two-limb and coaxial breathing circuits

