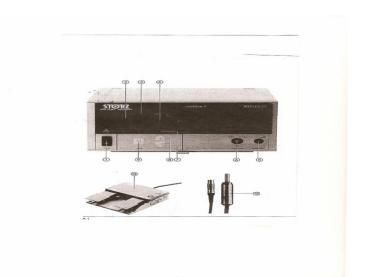
GYNE MORCELLATOR for LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY

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Sawalhe Morcellator

- A motorized device intended for use during endoscopic procedures
- Consists of motor driven cutting tube inserted directly into abdomen without additional trocar cannula
- Cutting up and removal, even sizable pieces tissue from the abdomen through exiting incisions
- Used to remove
 uterus Laparoscopic subtotal
 hysterectomy
 fibroid Laparoscopic myomectomy

Contraindicated

- on malignant tissue or tissue sugeon considers harmful when disseminated in body cavity
- vascularized tissue, dissecting tool
- in manual says can use extraction bag for malignant tissue

Speed of rotation

- -3 preselectable steps triggered via footswitch
- -clockwise right pedal position 1
- -counterclockwise left pedal position 1
- -oscillating either pedal position 2 (pushed to bottom)

Sawalhe morcellator

- Comes in 3 diameters of cutter
 12mm, 15mm, 20mm
- Pan 1 contains
 - -15mm cutter used most often
 - contains motor with connecting cord, morcellator handle,15mm cutting instruments
 - Pan 2 contains
 - -20mm cuttings instruments
 - Pan 3 contains
 - -12mm cutting instruments
 - -when using 20mm (pan 2)or 12mm (pan 3) need 15 mm pan for motor & handle plus pan with correct size of cutting instruments

Assemble

- On computer in rooms under gyne news is video on assembling morcellator
- Picture on lid of 15 mm pan 1, shows steps on putting morcellator together
- Hands on to put morcellator together and to use morcellator

Hint –grove on motor shaft aligned with locking button on morcellator handle, then motor inserted and locked in place



Use morcellator

- Claw forcep used to grip tissue to be extracted, is inserted into abdomen through cutting tube
- Claw forcep pulled back, pressing tissue against cutting edge of rotating morcellator
- A cylindrical block of tissue cut out and removed through cutting tube

Precautions

- Cutter is very sharp
- Risk of injury from sharp cutting tube even in unactivated state
- Insertion, treatment, removal cutting tube under direct visual observation of action of unit
- Support morcellator so doesn't go deeper into abdomen, pull forcep with tissue out through morcelator