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iCount Swab Docking Clip

A physical checklist for swab count management

Product information

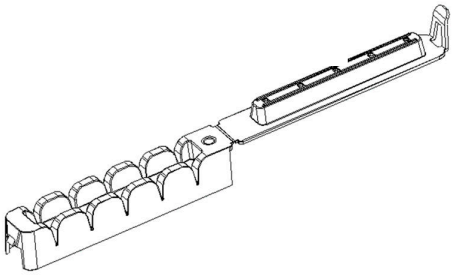
DEVICE NAME	iCount Swab Docking Clip
USE ENVIRONMENT	Maternity and surgical settings including labour wards and operating theatres
INTENDED USERS	Midwives, obstetricians, scrub nurses and operating theatre staff trained in swab counting procedures

PATENT The iCount system incorporates features protected by granted intellectual property rights and patent applications in the United Kingdom and internationally.

1 Device description

The iCount Clip is a sterile, single-use Class I medical device designed to support swab count management. It is used with tailed swabs, looped swabs and large swabs with a compatible tail or loop.

It functions as a physical checklist: each swab tail or loop is secured in a separate docking slot for visual and tactile count confirmation. The clip has five slots and a hinged lid that closes after final count confirmation.



2 Intended purpose

The iCount Swab Docking Clip is intended to assist healthcare professionals with:

- Maintaining accurate swab counts before, during and after a procedure
- Reinforcing local Trust and WHO count policies
- Reducing the likelihood of human counting error
- Supporting traceable and safe disposal of used swabs

Important: iCount supports established swab counting practice. It does not replace or override local institutional policy. The clip does not come into direct contact with the patient and does not alter the intended purpose of any swab or other surgical consumable.

3 Instructions for use

A Before the procedure

- Conduct the initial swab count in accordance with local policy using two person verification.
- Confirm and document the count in accordance with local policy.
- Keep the required iCount Clips readily accessible on the instrument trolley or swab table.

B During the procedure

- Count every additional pack of swabs opened using two person verification.
- Insert each used swab tail or loop fully into a separate iCount slot, with one swab per slot.
- Keep docked swabs visible. Do not remove a swab once it has been docked.

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3 Instructions for use continued

C After the procedure

• Confirm visually that all five swabs are docked in the iCount Clip.

• Perform the final swab count using two person verification.

• After the count is confirmed, close the lid to secure all five swabs.

• Dispose of the closed clip and swabs together in accordance with local infectious waste policy.

D Transfer to theatre

• If a patient is transferred with a vaginal swab in situ, take the iCount Clip containing the remaining docked swabs into theatre.

• After the swab in situ is removed, dock its tail in the remaining slot.

• Perform the final two person count, close the lid and dispose of the complete clip.

4 Warnings and precautions

• Single use only. Do not reuse or resterilise.

• Do not use if sterile barrier packaging is damaged or opened before use, or if the clip is damaged.

• Do not detach swabs once they have been docked.

• Keep the clip and all docked swabs visible throughout the count process.

• Use iCount only in conjunction with standard institutional count policies.

• Dispose of the clip in accordance with local infection control and waste policy.

5 Storage and handling

• Store in a clean and dry environment away from direct sunlight.

• Store between 5°C and 40°C.

• Protect from crushing and mechanical stress before use.

6 Disposal

Dispose of the closed iCount Clip and all docked swabs together as clinical infectious waste in accordance with hospital policy.

7 Product and package information

USE	Single use only	**STERILISATION**	Supplied sterile. Sterilised using ethylene oxide.
MATERIAL STATEMENT	Not made with natural rubber latex	**WEIGHT**	18 g
PACKAGE	Do not use if sterile barrier packaging is damaged or opened before use.	**REPROCESSING**	Do not resterilise

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