

## Metrex “CaviCide1” and “CaviWipes1” Incompatibility Notice:

We are continually working to update our products to keep pace with the proliferation of new and faster-acting cleaners and disinfectants. Materials used in the construction of all SonoSite products are carefully tested to ensure optimal performance after repeated cleanings with today's most common and effective hospital disinfectants.

However, as new cleaners with faster “kill times” and more aggressive formulations are introduced into the marketplace, there is always the possibility that some may be unsuitable for SonoSite products. Unfortunately, the newest generation of the popular CaviCide disinfectant cleaner introduced in July 2012, “CaviCide1” – and its companion disposable wipes, “CaviWipes1,” – is one such incompatible formula\*. While it is possible that other cleaners will be found over time to be problematic as well, testing has indicated that the CaviCide1/CaviWipes1 disinfectant is damaging to two particular SonoSite products. Consequently, we are issuing the following alert:

**CaviCide1 and CaviWipes1 are incompatible with certain plastic components as designed on the SonoSite Edge® ultrasound system, such as the system's plastic bezel, and the Triple Transducer Connect (TTC).** Wiping, spraying, or soaking these components with the CaviCide1/CaviWipes1 disinfectant can cause brittleness and cracking and could significantly damage product appearance and function. Because this cleaner in its current formulation by Metrex Research (whether as a liquid or a disposable wipe) has been shown through field experience and testing to be harmful to the Edge and TTC, we strongly urge that its use on these products be discontinued.

For a complete listing of SonoSite products and disinfectant compatibility, we encourage you to review our online publication, *Disinfectants for SonoSite Products*, available on our website at [www.sonosite.com/support/documents/en](http://www.sonosite.com/support/documents/en).

Please know that SonoSite is dedicated to providing you with the best products on the market and the best customer service to support those products. Do not hesitate to contact our Service Department directly at 1-877-657-8118 with any questions you may have. As always, SonoSite is here to serve you.

*\*Specific questions regarding chemical composition or biological efficacy of the CaviCide family of products should be addressed directly to Metrex Research at: 1-800-841-1428*