Reprocessing
Vaginal Ultrasound Probe

Vaginal ultrasound probe is a semi-critical item
- Requires high level disinfection between patients

Use of protective sheath
1) Place new sheath on probe before use
2) Discard sheath after use

Approved disinfectants:
1) Glutaraldehyde 2% (Cidex®)
   - Follow manufacturer’s directions
2) Hydrogen Peroxide 6%
   - Change solution daily
3) Peracetic acid
   - Concentration is variable
   - < 1% solution is sporicidal and sufficient

Disinfection of Probe
1) Clean probe using soap (or detergent) and water
2) Disinfect item - 20 minute soak
3) Rinse item using sterile water after soak
4) Dry item with clean cloth

The sheath is not a perfect barrier.
It only prevents the bulk of germs from getting on the probe.