



# **FixSTATION 1RH**

Optimization, standardization and documentation of the fixation step

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## **NEED GOOD RESULTS? START WITH GOOD PREPARATION**

#### **CONTROL OF FIXATION**

Accurate control of all steps of the preanalytical process is a prerequisite for precise, reliable and consistent diagnostic assays. Recent publications<sup>1</sup> have evidenced that standardization and documentation of the all important fixation step will lead to improved I.H.C. assays.

#### **TODAY'S FIXATION**

Leaving the specimens in a plastic container with formalin overnight does not fulfill the requirements for controlled fixation. **No standardization, no documentation.** 





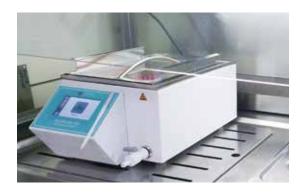


- How many hours/minutes is overnight?
- What is the temperature of the fixative?
- Is stirring available for temperature homogeneity?
- > After how many cassettes is formalin substituted?
- Is the pH constant?
- > What kind of documentation is available?

Until now, documented fixation protocols could only be obtained by placing specimens in an automatic tissue processor. This means holding a high performance instrument almost idle for hours/days waiting for the fixation process to be completed and documented.

## THE GAME CHANGER. FixSTATION 1RH

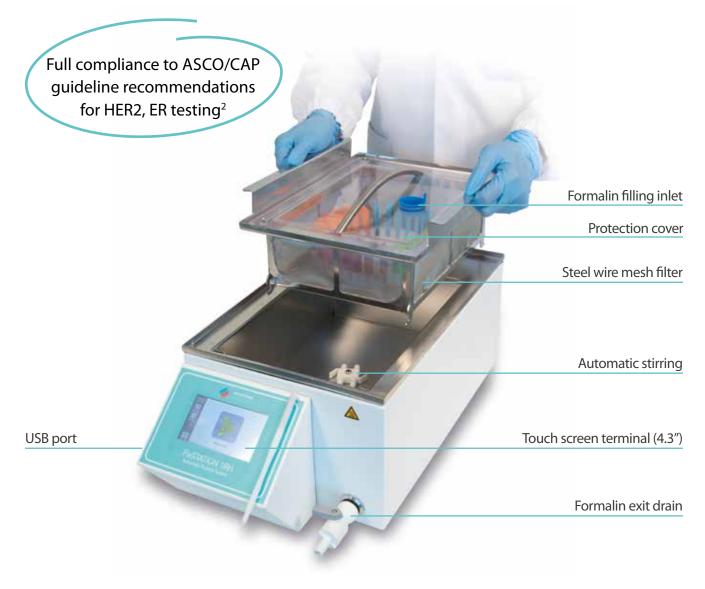
Small enought to fit any grossing station or ventilated hood, the FixSTATION 1RH is a game changer in controlling the fixation process. Fixation of racks takes place in a close environment, outside the tissue processor, according to specific protocols with full documentation readily available.



<sup>1</sup>Consensus Recommendations on Estrogen Receptor Testing in Breast Cancer By Immunohistochemistry. Hadi Yaziji, MD et al. Applied Immunohistochemistry & Molecular Morphology - volume 16, Number 6, December 2008

<sup>2</sup>ASCO/CAP Guideline Recommendations for Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 Testing in Breast Cancer A. C. Wolff et al. Arch Pathol Lab Med - Vol. 131, January 2007/2013

## **FixSTATION 1RH. AUTOMATIC TISSUE FIXATION SYSTEM**



## WHAT SETS US APART?

THE UNIQUE COMBINATION OF FULLY PROGRAMMABLE TIME/TEMPERATURE FIXATION PROTOCOLS COMBINED WITH REAGENT FILTERING FEATURES.

- Suitable for racks of Milestone and racks from other manufacturers.
- Suitable for all kinds of fixation reagents.
- ▶ Temperature range: up to 55 °C (131 °F).
- Time for pre-soaking: up to 99 hours 59 minutes.
- > Time for fixation: up to 99 hours 59 minutes.
- Stainless steel tank (AISI304) with 4.5L capacity.
- > Steel wire mesh filter of fixstation solution for protection againts contaminants.
- > Automatic stirring of solution.
- Constant pH of solution during process (closed system).
- Full reagent management.

#### Fixation | FixSTATION 1RH

## SIMPLICITY AT BEST. ICON DRIVEN SOFTWARE



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30 May 17 <b>10:30</b>	Level 1			
Reagents	Run ID Phase	5302017 Fixation		
			Run will end at: 12:00, May 30-2017	7
			Abort	
Service	Temperatur	e (°C)		Actual Temperature
Screen	30			37 °C

100min 125min 150min 175min

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37

Hours

°C

12:00, May 30-2017

30

Minutes

An audible alarm will sound when step is completed.

Enter your fixation pro-

tocol and press "Start".

20 10 0

25min

50min

75min

Screen Saver **Fixation Time** 

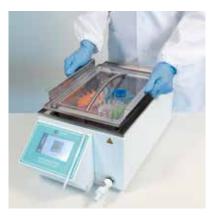
**Fix.** Temperature

Run will end at

## **EASY OPERATION**



1 Place rack in the unit and enter fixation protocol.



2 After completion of run extract filtering cage from tank. The solution is filtered and residues are trapped in the steel wire mesh filter.



3 Eliminate excess reagent by placing filtering cage on the built-in front hinges.

## SAFE HANDLING



 Place rack in transfer tray.
For safe handling a cover is placed on the tray.



 Transfer the now clean rack to tissue processor.
Skip processor fixation step and process specimens in a shorter time.

#### **UNIQUE FEATURE**

## FLOATER AND CONTAMINANT CONTROL

6 Rinse filter cage over a suitable sink to remove all tissue residues. This operation keeps the fixation solution free from all kind of matters (tissues, mucus) improving the processing step.



## **HIGH FLEXIBILITY**

#### **SUITABLE FOR ALL TYPE OF RACKS**

The FixSTATION 1RH will accept Milestone racks from the PATHOS and LOGOS family as well as racks **from the most common conventional tissue processor of other manufacturers.** 



#### **FULL DOCUMENTATION**

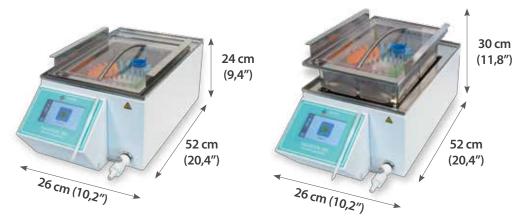
With the FixSTATION 1RH, documentation of every factor influencing the fixation process is stored in a log book for easy retrieval. Fixation protocols can be transferred to a USB stick and then printed for Quality Assurance and Compliance regulations. **Full compliance to ASCO/CAP recommendations for HER2, ER testing<sup>2</sup>.** 

- Type of fixative
- Temperature of fixative
- Pre-soaking time
- Time and date of fixation run
- Length of fixation time
- Event log
- Saved runs



#### LIMITED FOOTPRINT

Small enought to fit any grossing station or ventilated hood. Dimensions shown are during operation of the unit.



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