

Recommended Cleaning and Disinfection for Non-Critical Care Equipment

Cleaning Agents

- Enzymatic cleaners, detergents, or soap and water

Combined Cleaning and Disinfectant Agents

Disinfectants are only to be used to disinfect and must not be used as general cleaning agents, unless combined with a cleaning agent as a one-step cleaner/disinfectant. Cleaning must always precede disinfection. Disinfectants that can be combined with a cleaning agent, often in the form of a wipe:

- Quaternary ammonium compounds (QUATS), 0.5% Accelerated hydrogen peroxide

Effective Low-Level Disinfection Agents:

- Hypochlorite (1000-5000 ppm), 0.5% Accelerated hydrogen peroxide, Quaternary ammonium compounds

Contact time is based on manufacturer's instructions

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Equipment	Minimum Level ¹	Cleaning standard/Comments ²	Minimum frequency	Suggested Responsibility
Airflow sensors	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean with soap and water before disinfection 	When soiled Between Patients	Direct care staff
Alcohol based Hand Rub (ABHR) container	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All parts including holder of the bedside alcohol wash container should be thoroughly cleaned. Ensure the nozzle is free of product build up 	Daily When soiled Between patients	Housekeeping

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Apnea Monitor and sensor pad	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	When soiled Between patients	Direct Care Staff
Basins	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean all surfaces 	After each use by same patient	Direct care staff
	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean and disinfect in a washer/disinfector or MDRD 	Between patients	Direct care staff
Bassinette	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	Weekly/When soiled Between Patients	Housekeeping
Bath Seat	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	Daily When soiled Between patients	Direct care staff Housekeeping
Bath Tub	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent. Iodine and chlorine products may damage tub surfaces 	Between patients	Direct care staff Housekeeping
Bedrail rail and extender	CL/LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent for precautions or high risk area 	Daily	Housekeeping
Bed Low risk Pt Medical/Surgical unit/ICU	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	When soiled Between patients	Housekeeping

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Bed High Risk Pt Precautions OR/PAR/SDC/LDR/Endo	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces of the bed (including mattress, bed frame, wheels, and castors) using a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	When soiled Between patients	Housekeeping
Bedpan and Urinal	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent Clean in washer/disinfector where possible. Where not available, the item should be sent to a central reprocessing area or manually cleaned and disinfected 	Between patients	Direct care staff
Bladder scanner	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean probe and keyboard with product recommended by the manufacturer The keyboard should have a protective plastic cover 	When soiled Between patients	Direct Care Staff
Blanket Warmers	CL Exterior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean all surfaces 	Daily When soiled	Housekeeping
	CL Interior		Weekly When soiled	Housekeeping
Blood Pressure Cuff	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If dedicated to one patient, thoroughly clean all surfaces 	Daily When soiled At discharge	Housekeeping
	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If used between patients, thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	When soiled Between patients	Direct Care Staff
Call bell	CL/LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent Cords should be washable. Gauze, pins are inappropriate. 	CL Daily LLD between patients	Housekeeping

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Cardiac Monitor-Portable	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean all surfaces according to manufacturer's direction 	Daily Between patients	Direct Care Staff
Cart:(Lakeside-Stainless Steel)	CL LLD if used for precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean all surfaces 	Between patients	Direct Care Staff Department responsible for cart
Cart: supplies and trays	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean all surfaces All supplies taken into a Precaution room must be discarded even if unopened 	Between patients	Direct Care Staff
Cart Resuscitation (Crash Cart)	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defibrillator - thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	After each use When soiled	MDRD
	CL LLD if used for precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outside /Drawers - thoroughly clean all surfaces If drawer opened, all disposable items should be discarded if packaging not cleanable All items taken into contact precautions room must be discarded and not returned to the cart 	After each use When soiled	MDRD
Chairs Patient chairs, shower chairs and visitor chairs	CL LLD if used for precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent Only purchase chairs that can be cleaned 	Daily When soiled At discharge	Housekeeping
Chart covers	CL LLD if precautions or visibly soiled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent Do not take into patient room to reduce the risk of inadvertent contamination and transmission 	When soiled Monthly Cycle	Housekeeping Unit Aides

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Commode Single patient use	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent Patients on precautions should have a dedicated commode Where this is not possible, the commode must be thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	Daily When soiled At discharge Between patients	Direct Care Staff Housekeeping
Commode Multi patient use	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	Between patients	Direct Care Staff Housekeeping
Commode Pot	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean and disinfect in the washer/disinfector If a washer/disinfector is not available or pot does not fit, manually clean and disinfect or send to MDRD 	After each use	Direct Care Staff
Computer and Keyboard	CL LLD for very high risk and precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic cover should be placed over keyboard if keyboard is not cleanable 	Daily When soiled At discharge if in patient room	Housekeeping Unit Aides
Cycler machine (peritoneal dialysis)	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces according to manufacturer's direction Wipe all spills immediately 	When soiled Between patients	Unit Aide Biomedical

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Diagnostics Imaging Portable Machine Portable film cassette, mammography paddles	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the product used for cleaning and disinfection is approved by the manufacturer LLD all surfaces that have direct contact with the patient or environment The cassette should be covered with a pillow case where appropriate. A clean pillow case must be used for each patient 	<p>When soiled When leaving Contact precautions room</p> <p>Between patients if cassette not covered</p>	Technician
Doppler's Transducers And Probes	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces that have direct contact with patient with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent Probes that are in contact mucous membranes or non-intact skin require high level disinfection Wipe immediately after use to remove residual ultrasound gel before cleaning 	After each use	Direct Care staff
ECG Machines and cables	CL LLD for very high risk and precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean according to manufacturer's direction 	Between patients	Direct Care Staff
Examination table	CL LLD for very high risk and precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent The integrity of the surface needs to be examined regularly and replaced if torn or damaged. Paper coverings do not eliminate the need for cleaning 	<p>When soiled Between patients</p> <p>Cupboards that are part of table to be cleaned minimum monthly and weekly if used frequently</p>	<p>Direct Care Staff</p> <p>Housekeeping</p>

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Feeding Pump	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect according to manufacturer's instruction Kangaroo ePump – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mild detergent should be used for general cleaning. If necessary, the pump may be cleaned with a 10:1 water and hypochlorite solution (5000ppm). Repeated cleaning with this solution can damage the plastic pump case. Isopropyl alcohol, applied with a damp cotton swab, may be used for difficult to reach areas, however it should be used sparingly because repeated cleaning may damage the case. 	<p>When soiled Between patients</p> <p>Must not be connected to patient</p>	Housekeeping
Glucometer	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean and disinfect according to manufacturer's direction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use hydrogen peroxide unless approved by the manufacturer 	<p>When soiled Between patients</p>	Direct Care Staff
Ice machine Exterior	CL LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	Daily	Housekeeping
Ice Machine Interior	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drain and thoroughly clean with a de-limer 	Every 6 months- as per manufacturers maintenance schedule-	FMO

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Integrated Medication Cart	CL LLD for precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces according to manufacturer's direction All pieces should be removed to allow for a thorough cleaning All surfaces to be kept clear to allow cleaning. No food or beverages permitted on top 	When soiled Daily (exterior) Monthly (interior)	Housekeeping Pharmacy Tech
IV Pumps IV PCA	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces according to manufacturer's direction. See intranet for specific brand instructions (e.g. Sigma 8 Infusion Pump, Alaris, CADD Solis Pumps) Equipment Depot may replace MDRD to perform the LLD task where hospitals have an equipment depot 	When soiled Between patients	Housekeeping Direct Care staff Biomedical staff MDRD
Isolette	CL LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT USE PHENOLICS (Lysol, Pine-sol) Housekeeping cleans the exterior for transport within hospital MDRD performs the LLD 	Weekly When soiled Between Patients	Housekeeping MDRD
Laryngoscope handle	LLD	Community: Single use – discard after use Hospital: LLD	Between Patients	MDRD
Laryngoscope Blade	HLD	Community: Use single use and discard after use Hospital: Reprocess through MDRD	Between Patients	MDRD
Lift: Ceiling mounted/ Portable	CL LLD for very high risk and precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces according to manufacturer's directions Ceiling tracks should be cleaned so visibly clean and free from dust and dirt 	Daily: High touch surfaces When soiled Between patients At patient discharge	Housekeeping Direct care Staff

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Linen Hamper (Soiled)	CL LLD for precautions or high risk area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent • when using cloth • If using cloth Linen bags, Ensure all adhesive tape has been removed before cleaning, 	Daily	Housekeeping
Mattress	CL LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See guideline Specialty mattresses 		Housekeeping
Measuring containers: Reusable	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly clean and disinfect through washer disinfectant after each use. 	After each use	Direct Care staff
Measuring container/urine for multiple patient use	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should have one container per patient labelled with name 	After each use	Direct Care staff
Ophthalmoscope	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces using with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	Between patients	Direct Care staff
Orthopedic equipment - crutches traction, walker etc.	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly clean all surfaces 	Should be dedicated and cleaned between patient use	Direct Care staff
Otoscope handle	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces according to manufacturer's direction 	Between patients	Direct Care staff

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Otoscope ear speculum And optoacoustic emission screening tips	HLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single use preferred – discard after use • Non disposable requires high level disinfection through MDRD 	Between patients	MDRD
Oximeter probes	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces according to manufacturer's instructions • Discard single use items after use 	Between patients	Direct Care staff
Personal Protective Equipment Storage Units	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly clean and disinfect all exterior surfaces daily, with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent • On discharge, empty and thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent • If portable, tag as clean and store in clean area 	Exterior: Daily Discharge	Housekeeping
Phone	CL LLD for high risk areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If phone is mobile and used between patients, it is to be cleaned between use 	Daily When soiled Discharge Between patients	Direct Care Staff Housekeeping
Pillow	CL LLD for precautions or high risk area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent • Discard if cover material is cracked or torn 	When soiled Between patients	Housekeeping
Pneumatic Tube system	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe clean exterior and interior surfaces of cylinder 	Station: Daily Cylinder: When soiled and quarterly	Housekeeping

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Reflex Hammer	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all exterior surfaces daily, with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	Between Patients	Direct Care staff
Restraints	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital laundry Should be dedicated and labeled with patient identifier 	When soiled Between patients	Housekeeping
Scales: Adult Newborn/Diaper	CL LLD for precautions or high risk area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent Do not use phenolic products for newborn scales. 	Daily When soiled After each use, surfaces that touch the patient	Direct Care staff
Slings	LLD laundry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Laundry Should be dedicated and labeled with patient identifier 	When soiled Between patients	Direct Care staff Laundry
Stretcher	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces using with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent All high touch surfaces are required to be LLD after each use. 	Immediately after each use	Direct Care staff Housekeeping for Precautions
Stethoscope	CL LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces using with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	Between patients * if shared between staff- clean ear piece	Direct Care staff
Suction Machines	CL LLD for precautions or high risk area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THE INTERIOR CONTAINER IS SINGLE USE ONLY Remove disposable portions, snap close, discard and replace with a new interior 	Daily When soiled Between patients	Housekeeping Direct Care staff

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Table Bedside, overbed	CL LLD for precautions or high risk area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces, including the underside with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent The underside of the overbed table is a high touch area 	Daily When soiled Between patients	Housekeeping
Telemetry Equipment Monitor and Cables	CL LLD for precautions or high risk area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces according to manufacturer's direction 	When Soiled Between patients	Direct Care staff
Tourniquet	CL LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single use preferred If multi use - thoroughly clean and disinfect using with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent and discard if soiled/cracked 	Single use Between patients	Direct Care staff
Transfer Boards	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent, immediately after use 	When soiled Between patients	Direct Care staff
Transport Equipment Wheelchairs Walkers	CL LLD for precautions or high risk area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent Pay attention to high touch areas such as; arm rests, back support, brake handles and push handles 	When Soiled Between patients After each use for patients on precautions	Direct Care staff Housekeeping
Tub/ Tub bath board	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent according to manufacturer's direction Iodine and chorine products may damage the tub surface 	Between patients	Direct Care staff

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Ultrasound Transducer	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces that have direct contact with patient with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent • Probes that are in contact mucous membranes or non-intact skin require high level disinfection • Wipe immediately after use to remove residual ultrasound gel before cleaning 	Between patients	Direct Care staff
Vacutainer holder	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single patient use devices preferred • Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces that have direct contact with patient with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent 	Between patients	Direct Care staff
Warmers	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces according to manufacturer's direction. • All warmers are cleaned by housekeeping with the exception of the Giraffe Warmer • Giraffe Warmer is sent to MDRD 	When soiled Between patients	Housekeeping Direct Care staff Biomedical staff MDRD
Water Jug	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean in dishwasher 	Daily	
Washbowls		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See basin 		Direct Care staff
Wheelchairs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See transport equipment 		Direct Care staff Housekeeping

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Workstation on wheels (e.g. computer on wheels, machines, ultrasound machines, lab cart)	CL LLD for precautions or high risk area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces with a combined cleaner disinfectant agent Should not go into bed space if patient is on precautions 	Daily and discharge (if in patient room) Between patients	Housekeeping Direct care staff

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