

Decontamination of reusable non-invasive patient equipment.

- Check manufacturer's instructions for suitability of cleaning products, especially when dealing with electronic equipment.
- Wear appropriate PPE e.g. disposable, non-sterile gloves and apron.

Is equipment contaminated with urine/vomit/faeces, or been used on a patient with a known or suspected infection or colonisation?

No

- Decontaminate equipment with disposable cloths/paper towel and a fresh solution of general-purpose detergent and water or detergent impregnated wipes.
- Rinse and thoroughly dry.

Yes

- Immediately decontaminate equipment with disposable cloths/paper roll and a fresh solution of detergent, rinse, dry and follow with a disinfectant solution of 1,000 parts per million available chlorine.
- Rinse and thoroughly dry.

If the item cannot withstand chlorine releasing agents, consult the manufacturer's instructions for a suitable alternative to use following or combined with detergent cleaning.

Has the equipment been contaminated with blood?

- Immediately decontaminate equipment with disposable cloths/paper roll and a fresh solution of detergent, rinse, dry and follow with a disinfectant solution of 10,000 parts per million available chlorine rinse and thoroughly dry
- Or use a combined detergent/chlorine releasing solution with a concentration of 10,000 ppm rinse and thoroughly dry
- If the item cannot withstand chlorine releasing agents consult the manufacturer's instructions for a suitable alternative to use following or combined with detergent cleaning.

Summary of key points.

- Follow manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application and contact time of detergent and chlorine products.
- Clean the piece of equipment from the top or furthest away point
- Dispose of disposable cloths/paper roll immediately into the clinical waste bin
- Dispose of detergent/disinfectant solution in the designated area (sluice room)
- Clean, dry and store re-usable decontamination equipment
- Remove and dispose of PPE into the clinical waste bin
- Wash your hands