

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous Cleaning	SUBJECT: Equipment Cleaning – Single Use Devices (SUD)	SECTION: K POLICY: 3
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EQUIPMENT CLEANING – SINGLE USE DEVICES (SUD)

POLICY:

All equipment, supplies, and environmental surfaces used for nursing procedures and resident care will be kept clean in accordance with established protocols that are consistent with infection control best practices. All Single Use Device (SUD) equipment will be used by a single resident and must be cleaned and between uses. Dedicated SUDs will be discarded at the time of the resident's death.

PROCEDURE:

Dedicated SUDs for single resident to be cleaned after each use with cleaner and water or the Tornado machine. SUDs do not need to be sterilized between uses as they are dedicated to one resident, but any devices that are being shared must be cleaned then disinfected between residents.

Procedure for cleaning using the Tornado flusher- disinfecting machine:

The Personal Support Worker will:

- 1) Gather all equipment and cleaning solutions required for cleaning of resident items. Ensure thermal disinfection unit is ready for operation, i.e., no malfunctioning code flashing, soap product present, etc. If unit is identified as not functioning properly, do not use. Notify the nurse who will report the malfunctioning unit to Maintenance. Lock out / Tag out as per OH&S policy. Item must then be manually cleaned and disinfected as in Manual Process below.
- 2) Wash hands and put on personal protective equipment (PPE); wear non-sterile gloves, goggles, and/or face protection if splashing or spraying anticipated while cleaning items.
- 3) Change PPE if torn or soiled.
- 4) Take item into dirty utility room. Cover soiled item with a towel, if necessary, when transporting.
- 5) Place item in disinfectant/washer unit and follow manufacturer's instruction for cleaning and disinfecting.
- 6) Remove gloves.
- 7) Wash hands with alcohol hand sanitizer or soap and water.
- 8) Wipe counter with disinfectant; remove item from washer unit.

- 9) If item is wet, allow item to dry and check to ensure item is labeled and free of cracks.
- 10) Allow item to dry after removed from dishwasher unit.
- 11) Wash hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer after leaving dirty utility room.
- 12) Place clean items in resident's room for use or store on shelf in clean utility room.
- 13) Remove PPE and perform hand hygiene with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer when exiting room.
- 14) Store all cleaned basins on resident's shelf in their bathroom. Ensure basins are not stacked together.

Procedure for Manual Cleaning (no thermal disinfection or equipment dishwasher unit):

The Personal Support Worker will:

- 1) Put on PPE to prevent contamination.
- 2) When body fluid or solids present in item, dispose of waste in toilet.
- 3) Rinse carefully to prevent splashing.
- 4) Take item into dirty utility room. Cover with a towel, if necessary, when transporting.
- 5) Wash item thoroughly using scrub brush.
- 6) Rinse and dry item.
- 7) Apply disinfectant and follow directions for use.
- 8) Allow item to dry after disinfectant is applied.
- 9) Dry item with paper towel or cloth provided.
- 10) Check items to ensure they are labeled and free of cracks.
- 11) Spray or wipe counter with Oxivir Plus disinfectant and allow to sit for 5 minutes.
- 12) Store SUD in resident's room or designated area.
- 13) Remove PPE; wash hands with alcohol hand sanitizer or soap and water before exiting room.