

Policy & Procedure for Cleaning Nova StatStrip POC (Point of Care) Glucometer



Hand Hygiene:

- Wear gloves during blood glucose monitoring and during any other procedure that involves potential exposure to blood or body fluids
- Change gloves between patient contacts. Change gloves that have touched potentially blood-contaminated objects or finger stick wounds before touching clean surfaces. Discard gloves in appropriate receptacles
- Perform hand hygiene immediately after removal of gloves and before touching other supplies

Cleaning / Disinfection of Glucometers:

- ALL glucometers will be cleaned and disinfected using Clorox[®] Germicidal wipe, EPA Reg. No. 67619-12 , or equivalent.
- A 1:10 bleach solution is also acceptable (1 part bleach to 9 parts water)
- ALL glucometers that will be shared by multiple patients will be thoroughly wiped with disinfectant and allowed to air dry after every use and between every patient
 - Use a fresh Clorox wipe each time you clean a glucometer
 - Wipe all surfaces, top, bottom and sides, avoiding the bar code scanner and electrical connection
 - All to air dry before using on next patient
- A patient who is on additional precautions should have dedicated equipment
- If a glucometer being used for a patient on additional precautions (contact, droplet, or airborne) has to be used for more than one patient, then:
 - Glucose testing of a patient on additional precautions will be tested as last patient (if possible) continued on another page...

- The glucometer to be used on a patient on additional precautions will be placed in a plastic isolation sleeve prior to use. The sleeve will be discarded after the single use
- The glucometer to be used on a patient on additional precautions will be thoroughly wiped with disinfectant and allowed to air dry before being reused
- ALL glucometers that are visibly soiled will be cleaned and disinfected using the detailed cleaning procedure below.
- Prior to being returned to the docking station, ALL glucometers are cleaned and disinfected using the detailed procedure below:
 - Use a fresh germicidal wipe to thoroughly clean all external surfaces (top, bottom, sides) avoiding the bar code scanner & electrical connector. Discard the wipe.
 - Using a fresh germicidal wipe, thoroughly wipe all external surfaces of the meter in both horizontal and vertical directions avoiding the bar code scanner & electrical connector
 - Gently wipe the surface area of the test strip post making sure that no fluid enters the port
 - Ensure the meter stays wet for 1 minute and is then allowed to dry an additional minute.

