Routine decontamination of reusable non-invasive patient care 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 aprons

Is equipment contaminated with blood?

No

Is equipment contaminated with urine/vomit/faeces or been used on a patient with 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.
- Disinfect specific items of non-invasive, reusable, communal care equipment if recommended by the manufacturer e.g. 70% isopropyl alcohol on stethoscopes

Yes

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 (ppm av cl)* rinse and thoroughly dry
- Or use a combined detergent/chlorine releasing solution with a concentration of 10,000 ppm av cl*, 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.

Follow manufacturer’s instructions for dilution, application and contact time.
- Clean the piece of equipment from the top or furthest away point
- Discard disposable cloths/paper roll immediately into the healthcare waste receptacle
- Discard detergent/disinfectant solution in the designated area
- Clean, dry and store re-usable decontamination equipment
- Remove and discard PPE
- Perform hand hygiene

Yes

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