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<u>Title:</u> Cleaning and Disinfecting of Equipment	Original Approval: 6 / 1 8
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Statement/ Purpose:

To prevent the transmission of infection and communicable diseases through the cleaning and disinfecting of equipment.

Authority:

CMS-3819-F Medicare and Medicaid Program: Conditions of Participation for Home Health Care Agencies §484.70 (a) Standard: Prevention., CDC: Disinfection in Ambulatory Care, Home Care, and the Home.
<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/disinfection/healthcare-equipment.html>

Application:

All staff.

Terminology:

Semi-critical Items: Items that come in contact with mucous membranes or non-intact skin. In home care these items include: oral thermometer and respiratory therapy equipment.

Non-critical Items: Items that come in contact with intact skin but not mucous membranes. In home care these items include: blood pressure cuff, laptop computer keyboard/ screen, stethoscope, pulse oximeter, etc.

Responsible Party:

Training and Quality Improvement Coordinator

Cross-Reference:

Infection Control Plan, Hand Hygiene, Bag Technique

Procedure:

Cleaning and Disinfecting of Semi-critical Equipment:

1. Utilize equipment.
2. Maintain a separation between clean and dirty equipment by utilizing barrier surfaces to place contaminated equipment on. Use standard bag technique; see BAG TECHNIQUE POLICY.
3. Open alcohol swab and use firm pressure with rotary motion to clean equipment.
4. Return equipment to nursing bag or other clean storage.
5. Dispose of used alcohol swabs.

Cleaning and Disinfecting of Non-critical Equipment:

1. Use equipment and maintain in clean environment.
2. Maintain a separation between equipment and unclean environment by utilizing barrier surfaces to place

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equipment on. Use standard bag technique; see BAG TECHNIQUE POLICY.

3. If contact with non-intact or unclean skin is unavoidable, an impermeable barrier should be utilized.

4. Stethoscope: is cleansed after use with alcohol swab in home.

*If contaminated, Blood Pressure Cuff: Disposable cover remains in the home. Non-disposable cover, bladder, valve & gauge are cleansed with alcohol swabs, detergent or per manufacturer's instructions.